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Operational Narrative
Wilhelmshaven, Feb 3

100th "A" Group

1. General Narrative: The 100th "A" Group took off at 0716 hours. By 0757 hours the Group had assembled over the base at 9,000 feet. The group flew as the lead group in the 13th "A" Combat Wing of the Third Bomb Division.

2. Unfavorable weather conditions hampered the wing assembly. At 0950 hours the Group passed five miles northeast of Cromer and started out on course since the Combat Wing was formed and in good shape. Three miles south of Egmont the lead Pathfinder aircraft became nonfunctional so the secondary pathfinder plane took over and proceeded to the I.P. as briefed. Upon reaching the target area the second Pathfinder aircraft failed. Endeavoring to find some objective, the ship flew a 330 degree heading, turning from the 88 degree heading briefed. As the bombardier passed over some believed to be Wilhelmshaven which was barely distinguishable through the clouds and haze, he salvoed his bombs. Bombs were away and dropped by estimation since there wasn't sufficient time for a run as the target became visible only when passing over it. It was not possible to positively identify the town but it is believed that there was damage done to it. Some crew members report bomb bursts observed in built up area and black smoke in area en route from the target.

3. Flak was meager and inaccurate around target and over the coast going out. No enemy aircraft were encountered. Poor weather conditions prevailed throughout the mission with 10/10 overcast during the bombing.

100th "B" Group

1. General Narrative: The 100th "B" Group formation took off at 0720 hours. By 0830 hours the group formation had assembled over the base at 8,000 feet. The 13th "B" Combat Wing rendezvous was made over the Channel, rather than as briefed, because we had mistaken two other groups for the 13th "B" Wing and had "S"ed to allow them to catch up. Finding the 13th "B" Wing was ahead of us we intercepted them over the Channel.

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Arrived at the enemy coast 1028 hours at 52 38 North, 04 40 East. Arrived at the I.P. at 1051 hours and made a turn at 52 46 North 07 15 East. The target is uncertain; but I believe that it was Wilhelmshaven. Bombs were away at 1100 hours. We left the coast 1110 hours and crossed the English coast 1335 hours.

2. Cloud formations forced the group to 28,000 feet. No bombing aides ere used and the bombs were dropped on the lead Pathfinder. No visual results ere observed as there was 10/10 overcast.

3. Three ME 110's were observed being chased by P-38's in target area; no other enemy aircraft were seen. Flak was sporadic and light.

4. All of our aircraft returned safely from this operation.

OPERATIONAL NARRATIVE, February 4, 1944.
FRANKFURT

1. General Narrative: The 100th "A" Group formation took-off at 0814 hours. By 0835 hours the Group had assembled in fair formation over the base and started to climb to altitude. We reached altitude at 1020 hours and on time, rendezvousing with the 390th Groups along the wing assembly line. The 100th "A" Group flew in the high position, with the two 390th Groups filling in the other two positions in the 13th "A" Combat Wing.

2. For the route flown, times, and formation, reference is made to the navigator's narrative, his log and attached formation charts.

3. Aircraft Not Attacking: 21 aircraft took-off from this base. 19 aircraft were dispatched. Aircraft #42-39799 is missing in action and is assumed to have gone over the target. #42-30487 turned back at 1129 hours at 51 40 North, 04 27 East. #42-30380 turned back at 1025 hours at an altitude of 20,000 feet over Norwich.

100th "B" Group

1. General Narrative: The 100th "B" Group formation took-off at 0831 hours. By 0855 hours the group formation had assembled over the base at 2,000 feet. We did not rendezvous with the other two groups in the wing as they were late. At 1045 hours we rendezvoused with the 13th "B" Combat Wing, flying in the low position thereof. The formation was good. Our assembly with the Air Division was made at the last control point in England, and at an altitude of 18,000 feet. Our ascent to bombing altitude started at the English Coast at 1055 hours and at a rate of climb of 200 feet per minute. Our escort of P-38s was very good. At 1127 51 41 North, 0304 East we saw a free barrage balloon.

After the rally point, the aircraft of the lead group in our wing were strung out somewhat. We encountered a good deal of flak, which was accurate and level. Strong winds which varied at the different group levels caused a considerable variation in the L.A.S. of the several groups.

2. Aircraft Not Attacking: 21 aircraft of this group took off. 17 aircraft were dispatched. #42-31412 turned back at 0900 hours over Diss at an altitude of 2,500 feet, landing at 0907

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hours. #42-31389, #42-37800 turned back at 1118 hours, #42-6087 turned back 10 miles south of the base. Aircraft #42-30758 and #42-37975 are missing in action.

3. Suggest that Combat Wings fly in trail formation rather than abreast.
4. Three of our aircraft are missing in action.

ADDITIONAL NARRATIVE ON MISSION

In the "A" Group the A.F.C.E. was used and the bombs were dropped on the pathfinder. The bomb-bay doors were opened at 1200 hours and the bombs were away at 1222 hours. There was solid overcast over the city and there were no visual results, though they were at 25,100 feet over the city area, probably Offenbach.

About 25 single engined enemy aircraft intercepted our formation near Liege on route from the target. They made several passes at the low group but seemed to concentrate on straglers. Flak was observed at many indefinite places along the route. Some report that it was almost continuous over enemy territory but most of it was inaccurate on our group.

Aircraft #779 which is missing from "A" group was scheduled to fly #3 position in the 2nd element of the high squadron. It did not fly in that position and is not believed to have joined either of our groups. The following are the members of the crew which is missing: Lt J W Brown, Lt A F Fitzpatrick, Lt T H Kleinman, Lt L W Clements, S/Sgt G E Toomey, S/Sgt L D Florida,

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S/Sgt C F Keen, S/Sgt W L Kemp, S/Sgt H J Janderup, S/Sgt R A Tangradi.

The "B" Group approached from 15 miles East of the briefed I.P., and the bombs were dropped on notification of the Pathfinder by flares at 1222. There were no pictures available that show bomb bursts, but bombs away pictures indicate that the aircraft were over a city on a river, probably Offenbach. Visibility of 9/10 obscured any visual results.

Flying low group in the formation "B" encountered no enemy aircraft. About 30 enemy aircraft were observed but all concentrating on stragglers. Many dogfights were seen with our fighter escort. The continuous flak over enemy territory was inaccurate.

Aircraft #'s 758 and 975 are missing. 758 was in position over the target, but soon thereafter began to lag behind. At 1237 hours it pulled away to the right near Wiesbaden and began to loose altitude slowly, and was last seen still going down but under control. No chutes were observed. 975 pulled out of its position in the high squadron of the formation at 1332 hours and headed for the undercast, smoking but under control. The following named men were on the ships and are missing in action: #758 - Lt R H McPhee, Lt F J Nelson, Lt M S Keker, Lt BB Levine, S/Sgts G C Scarlett, L J Bernagozzi, D J Shaw, B H Pate, J T Delemar; #975 - Lt's W E Green, J P Jensen, J J Joyce, J S Hamilton, T/Sgt R B Beran, S/Sgt's R P Valentik, R K Anderegg, S F Tisdale, H J Waskewicz, L E Leist.

OPERATIONAL NARRATIVE Feb 5
PARIS

1. General Narrative: The 100th Group formation took off from this base of 0750 hours. By 0830 hours the group had assembled over the base at 5,000 feet, in good formation and on the climb. The 13th Combat Wing assembled at 0947 hours in good formation. The 100th Group lead, the 95th low, and the 390th in the high position. The wing assembly was briefed at 19,000 feet over Bunker Hill at 0948 hours. All three groups assembled on the leader who was at 18,000 feet. At 0948 we were 5 miles South of Funcher Hill, with all three groups in good formation. The Air Division assembly line was between Splasher 7 and 9 at 19,000 feet. However, we had to descend to 17,000 feet under the clouds. The Combat Wings were not sighted until after departing the English Coast. 19,000 feet was reached at Beachy Head. Our climb continued to 23,000 feet, which was bombing altitude. This was reached just prior to our crossing the French Coast. An attempt to circle in order to get into the proper Division assembly, but this was unsuccessful because of the proximity of other wings. We therefore continued in the #2 position instead of the #3 in the Division as briefed.

Fighter support - P-47's and P-51's - was excellent. Flak was seen at two different places: meager at Rouen, the same was directed at another group; moderate and fairly accurate over South Paris, the same being directed at our group.

The briefed bombing altitude was changed en route to the I.P. in order to climb over a layer of clouds which obscured the I.P. and the primary target. We proceeded to the secondary target, which we bombed at 24,000 feet instead of 23,000. The results were good to excellent. Direct hits were observed. No enemy aircraft attacks were made against the 13th Combat Wing. However, an attack was observed on the 4th Combat Wing with 6 to 15 enemy fighters. No B-17's were seen to be hit. Groups in the 13th Combat Wing took interval on a direct run to the target, since no I.P. was set. The Wing was reformed three minutes after bombs away.

High clouds interfered with the bombing of the primary target.

2. Aircraft Not Attacking: Twenty-three aircraft took-off

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from this base, including three spares. Twenty aircraft were dispatched. Spare aircraft #42-3413 attacked the target with the 39th Group formation, flying in the lead position of the third element of the high squadron. Spare aircraft #42-37796 turned back at 1030 hours from 50 44 North, 00 15 East, altitude 23,000 feet; #42-39183 turned back at 1000 hours, from 8,500 feet over Chelmsford; #42-31051 turned back at 1042 hours altitude 22,600 feet; #42-30278 turned back at 0945 hours over Ipswich, and #42-30091 failed to take off.

All of our aircraft returned.

OPERATIONAL NARRATIVE, February 6
EVERAUX FAUVILLE

1. The 100th Group formation took-off at 0746 hours. By 0810 hours the group formation had assembled over the field at 2,000 feet. The 13th Combat Wing rendezvous was made at 0936 hours at 21,000 feet over Bunker #12. The 95th Group led, 100th flew high, and the 390th, which was supposed to fly low, did not make the assembly on time. The wing formation was good.

The climb to bombing altitude from 21,000 feet was begun at 50 12 North, 0040 East, at 0957 hours, and was made at 150 I.A.S. 200 feet per minute. Bombing altitude was reached at 1014 hours in good formation. The enemy coast was crossed at 1013 hours.

The route to the target was as briefed, but the primary target was overcast, so Everaux-Fauville airport was picked as target and bombed. The fighter cover was good on the briefed course. The 100th Group is the only group that bombed this target, to my knowledge.

The briefed rally point was not used, but the Combat Wing was reformed a few minutes after bombs away, at approximately 1155 hours.

The enemy coast was re-crossed at 1221 hours at 50 02 North, 01 18 East, and the descent was begun here. The English Coast was re-crossed at 1243 hours at Dungeness. Home base was reached at 1321 hours, the lead aircraft landing at 1331 hours.

2. Aircraft Not Attacking: Twenty-four aircraft left this base in formation, including three spares. Aircraft #42-31074 turned back just after taking off, #42-6087 turned back at 0930 hours, #42-37796 turned back at 1005 hours. Twenty-two aircraft were dispatched.

3. No aircraft are missing.

ADDITIONAL NARRATIVE

The weather was clear over the target area and the visual results of the bombing were good with direct hits observed. A run was made on St. Andre but bombs were not dropped as there

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was a group below. The bombardier, Lt Armanini, saw Evreux Fauville airfield 90 degrees to the right, made our turn to the right, saw a low group below us crossing the heading and hesitated to drop bombs. This group cleared the target, and bombs were dropped with excellent results.

Though much fighter activity was observed at a distance, only one pass was made by enemy aircraft at our low squadron from 10 o'clock low without effect. Flak was for the most part low and inaccurate.

OPERATIONAL NARRATIVE, Feb 10, 1944
FRUNSWICK

1. General Narrative: The 100th Group formation took off at 0700 hours. By 0810 hours the Group had formed at 11,000 feet over Splasher #6. The Group circled Splasher #6 until 0825 hours, climbing, then took a heading to Bunker #11, where we joined the 390th Group, which was leading. The climb to bombing altitude, which was 24,000 feet rather than 23,000 feet as briefed, was begun at 0850 hours, at Bunker #11. Bombing altitude was reached at 0918 hours. For the route flown, times, and formation, reference is made to the navigator's narrative, his log and the formation charts.

2. Aircraft Not Attacking: Seventeen aircraft departed Splasher #6 in formation at 0825 hours. Aircraft #42-30152 turned back at 0705 hours from 9,000 altitude, #42-30278 turned back at 0729 hours from 5,400 feet, #42-37936 turned back at 0835 hours, at 17,000 feet, 42-37783 at 0840 from 1,800, #42-30088 at 0908 from 1,000; 42-30788 at 0915 hours from 21,000; 42-37796 at 0930 from 24,400; 42-38016 at 1022, from 22,500. Sixteen aircraft were dispatched.

Aircraft 42-30170 aborted at 1037 from 23,300; 42-37800 at 1045 from 20,000; 42-39872 at 1102 hours from 21,000.

Missing aircraft: 42-31265 and 42-30062 are missing.

ADDITIONAL NARRATIVE

The bombing on this mission was done through 4/10 to 6/10 undercast. No bombing aids were used; the bombs being dropped on the smoke bombs of the Pathfinder. What visual results there were indicated that our bombs hit in the center of town.

Very severe attacks by enemy aircraft were seen to be made against other groups in the formation but there were no direct attacks against the 100th Group. On this mission a four engined

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enemy aircraft was noted to have attacked a straggling B-17 and to have shot it down. After shooting it did a wing up and four engines were plainly visible. Most of the flak was meager and inaccurate, but at the target it was tense and accurate on the low group.

Our missing aircraft both fell behind soon after the target and were not seen again. Crews of the missing planes are as follows: #062 - Lt A E Scoggins, Lt L E Patterson, Lt E O Davis, Lt W J Cooney, S/Sgt P Shenfield, T/Sgt H Qucale, S/Sgt's D R Gonzales, N D Rutherford, J F Holp, H Ray. #265 - Lt D O Croft, Lt D W Carr, Lt D E Laird, Lt F B Rains, T/Sgt's C Adkins, N J McMullen, S/Sgt's J L Bailey, J J McKeever, J A Hellmann, M P Rusten.

OPERATIONAL NARRATIVE Feb 18, 1944
Targets in NW France

General Narrative: The 100th "A" Group formation, consisting of 21 aircraft, took off from this base. The first aircraft took off at 1331 hours, the last at 1345 hours. By 1355 hours, the Group Assembled at 1,000 feet over the base. The Squadrons were echeloned to the right, and proceeded alone as the 100th "A" Group.

The mission was entirely uneventful. No enemy fighters were seen. No opposition was encountered, although flak was seen in a few bursts, which were light and inaccurate.

The target was attacked by squadrons. We did not rally as a group after bombs away, but returned to base in squadron formation.

2. Aircraft Not Attacking: Twenty-one aircraft departed this base in formation; 21 aircraft were dispatched; 21 aircraft attacked the target; and 21 aircraft returned to base.

General Narrative: The 100th "B" Group, consisting of 21 aircraft, took off at 1315 hours; the last ship took off at 1330 hour. By 1340 hours the Group had formed at 2,000 feet South of the base. We started our climb to the South by squadrons in trail. At Splasher #6 we fell into echelon to the right formation. There was no rendezvous with the Combat Wing nor Air Division. Our climb to altitude started from over the base at 1340 hours and continued to mid-channel. The climb was slow - 200 feet per minute, L.A.S. 10 miles per hour. Bombing altitude was 12,000 feet. The Formation was good throughout the mission as squadrons.

No enemy fighters were sighted. However, in the vicinity of St Omar and for 10 miles south therefrom, we encountered light, inaccurate flak - which was apparently directed toward other groups in the vicinity.

Aircraft Not Attacking: All 21 aircraft took off, attacked, and returned.

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OPERATIONAL NARRATIVE, Feb 20
ARNIMSWALDE

1. General Narrative: The main 100th Group formation took off at 0803 hours. By 0910 hours the formation had assembled over Bunker #11 at 10,000 feet. The 13th "E" Combat Wing rendezvous was made over Splasher #6 at 0915 hours, altitude 10,000 feet in very good formation.

2. Aircraft Not Attacking: Twenty aircraft departed Bunker #11, 10,000 feet at 0910 hours in formation. Three aircraft flew with the 95th "A" Group, three with the 390th "B" Group, making a total of twenty-seven dispatched.

Aircraft 42-37790 and 42-39792 are missing.

ADDITIONAL NARRATIVE

The bombing was done through 10/10 overcast on Pathfinder flares. The 13 "E" Combat Wing bombed the secondary target. Our navigators vary as to the location of bombed target. Some name Stettin, others Swinemunde, Sch erin, or Rostok. Some smoke was seen coming through the clouds from the target area.

Enemy fighter attacks against the formation began at the Danish coast and continued for about 30 minutes. There were about 30 single engined and 12 multi engined enemy craft. Camouflaged coloring of these ships made them hard to see at any distance. Fighters seemed to concentrate on the low and lead squadrons and it is believed that this attack got 3 B-17's from the 390th Group and 2 from the 4th Combat Wing. At 1345 along the Baltic coast attacks started again and all squadrons were hit. About 20 twin engined and 3 single engined fighters pressed attacks that lasted off and on for over an hour when enemy coast was crossed.

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The twin engined aircraft attacked from the side and the rear flying four abreast. They fired rockets from 2000 to 800 yards out. Four engined planes were fireing rockets from the side of their fuselage while flying parallel to our formation. One F1 190 passed below in the 100th and the 390th Groups and was observed to be carrying a bomb dangling from a cable. It was fire upon and jettisoned cable and all harmlessly. Mostly rockets and some 20mm were used by the enemy during this attack. Some flak was encountered in the west coast of Denmark, and over the target it was moderate with some accurate and of both barrage and continuous pointing varieties.

The pilot of our aircraft #790 was heard to say that he had been hit by a rocket and was going to try and make it to heaven. Aircraft #792 which was flying with the 95th was seen to go down in the target area with the 12 engine on fire. It disappeared into the undercast under control. Members of the crews of these planes are as follows: Lt's R A Smith, O H Markuson, C C Scott, T Cribbs, T/Sgt I G Evans, S/Sgt E B Dyblie, T/Sgt T H Egan, S/Sgt's R L Dunbar, M Dritko, and L E Udick. #792 - Lt's A J Harris, J Dutka, F/O H C West, Lt A A Marchiondo, T/Sgts R L Tuague, A Grasshoff, S/Sgts D A Strocca, L L Garrett, J A Martin, F J Kaczynski.

OPERATIONAL NARRATIVE, Feb 21, 1944
Targets of Opportunity

1. General Narrative - 100th "A" Group; 19 aircraft took-off from this base; the first at 0915 hours, the last at 0929 hours. The Group assembled over the base by 0950 hours in good formation.

Fighter support - P-38s, F-47s, and P-41s - was good. Flak was light and inaccurate.

2. Aircraft Not Attacking: 19 aircraft were airborne from this base; 16 aircraft were dispatched and attacked the target. Aircraft 44-31256 turned back 18 miles South of Cromer at 20,000 feet. 44-38611 turned back at 123 from 20,000 feet. Aircraft 44-37796 is missing in action. No further particulars are available at this time.

1. General Narrative - 100th "E" Group; 21 aircraft took-off from this base, the first at 0930 hours. By 0950 hours we had assembled in good formation over the base. We flew low position with the 100th "F" Group in the lead position. There was no high position in the 13th "F" Combat Wing. Our formation was good throughout the mission. Flak was heavy and inaccurate. Fighter support was very good. Other than the fact that we did not bomb the primary target, there was nothing unusual during our flight.

2. Aircraft Not Attacking: All aircraft departed this base in formation. 19 aircraft were dispatched. 44-30080 turned back at 1330 hours from 21,000 feet, 44-31071 at 1300 hours from 21,500 feet. All aircraft of this Group formation returned to the base.

ANALYTICAL NARRATIVE

An initial rendezvous was not made due to faulty equipment, namely failure of the fluxgate compass, in the lead ship of our Group. The 100th "A" Group left England 10 minutes late and picked up the 100th "B" Group approximately at the coast. The 13th Combat Wing then joined a wing immediately ahead of it and proceeded along

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the briefed route, 12 minutes behind schedule. At 1344 hours the lead Wing turned to the South leaving our course. As we could not proceed alone to our target and as we did not know their target we decided to bomb an airfield and withdraw with this wing. The airfield at 52 51 North, 08 25 East was bombed on A/B/C from an indicated altitude of 22,800 feet.

An unidentified airdrome was bombed with good results. Photos show bombs hit in buildings along railroad that passes airdrome. Bomb burst indicate severe damage to both railroad and runways of the airdrome. Crews believe the airdrome to be located near Vechta.

No fighters attacked either "A" or "B" Groups though some enemy aircraft were seen being engaged by our escort. Flak encountered was light to medium and inaccurate at Osnabruck, Enschede, and Rheine.

At 1347 hours our aircraft #796 strayed from formation but followed us over the target and continued behind our formation until 1430 hours when we were at 5230N - 0515 E. It had one engine feathered and another smoking. It turned back toward Holland and the pilot was heard on VHF to say that he was going down and would have to land in Holland. There were lots of friendly fighters about when this aircraft disappeared into the undercast. Members of this crew were: Lt's W H Fletcher, R H Roper, G A Browning, F D Vonsie, T/Sgt's G A Reid, L T Callahan, S/Sgt's P J Ciappiello, J J Conan, A Sosik, D V Robb.

OPERATIONAL NARRATIVE, Feb 22
Abortive

1. General Narrative: 21 aircraft took off from this base at 0846 hours. The lead ship of the formation encountered difficulty (engine trouble) and failed to take off with the formation. It took off thereafter; however, it was unable to catch up with the formation. Number 2 aircraft of the lead squadron took over the group lead and took the group up to 13,000 feet. Then the lead was taken over by the lead ship of the high squadron. The group assembly was good. The weather was very poor, but in spite of this our formation continued good. It was necessary to fly on instruments. Because of the weather we were unable to rendezvous with the 100th "F" Group or the Division. The mission was recalled at 1140 hours at 51° 48' North and 02° 25' East. All of the aircraft returned to base by 1247 hours.

2. Aircraft Not Attacking: None of the aircraft of this formation attacked the target.

100th "E" Group

1. General Narrative: 22 aircraft took off from this base at 0815 hours. Recall with all aircraft returning to this base was accomplished much in the manner of "A" Group.

OPERATIONAL NARRATIVE, FEBRUARY 24
ROSTOCK

1. General Narrative: The 100th "B" Group took off at 0715 hours. By 0815 hours the group formation had assembled over the field at 2,500 feet. By 0905 hours the 13th "A" Combat Wing had assembled over the field at Aldergrove, the 100th "F" Group leading, the 100th "A" Group flying low, and the 95th Group flying high - all in good formation.

The climb to bombing altitude was begun at 1040 hours, 54 09 North, 02 21 East, at 150 I.A.S., 200 feet per minute. Bombing altitude was reached at 1147 hours, the combat wing in good formation except for the low group, which was strung out. The low group had some enemy fighter attacks until they closed up and flew over under the lead group. The enemy coast was crossed at 1133 hours.

The briefed I.P. was not reached because of a complete 10/10 overcast. We turned back, made a 360 degree turn, gave the lead to the 290th Group as they had the only Pathfinder equipment that was working. They chose Rostock as the last resort and landed by Pathfinder, going over the target above.

After bombing the other combat wings S'd, allowing the 13th "A" Combat Wing to resume the lead.

The enemy coast was re-crossed at 1624 hours, the English Coast was re-crossed at Cromer at 1813 hours. Home base was reached at 1825 hours, and the lead aircraft landed at 1830 hours.

2. Aircraft Not Attacking: Fifteen aircraft departed his base in formation including one Pathfinder aircraft. Fourteen aircraft were dispatched. Aircraft 42-30152 turned back at 0800 hours, 52 25 North, 02 25 North, 02 56 East, altitude 1,300 feet. This aircraft was not dispatched.

Aircraft 42-37800 landed at another base. All of our aircraft returned.

100th "A" Group

1. General Narrative: The 100th "A" Group took off and assembled, and flew the same route in the same combat wing as the 100th "F" Group.

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2. Aircraft Not Attacking: Twenty two aircraft deserted this base in formation. Twenty two aircraft were dispatched and all returned.

Aircraft 42-30088 turned back at 1135 hours, from 9,700 feet.

ADDITIONAL WAR ACTIVE

The bombing run was straight and level with no evasive action taken. There was flak - heavy but inaccurate - on the run. Bombs were dropped on the Pathfinder markers of the Wing ahead (45th Combat Wing) in the vicinity of Rostock through 10/10 overcast. No visual results at all.

3 ME 210's and 1 JU 88 attacked over Denmark, making five aggressive passes at our formation, and stayed with the formation for over an hour. Coming from the target, over the Danish East coast 6 ME 109's attacked in our vicinity, one passing right through the formation of the 100-A Group.

OPERATIONAL NARRATIVE, FEBRUARY 25
REGTNSFRC

1. The 100th "B" Group formed on took off at 0815 hours. By 0900 hours the group formation had assembled over splasher 6 at 5,000 feet. The 13 "B" Combat Wing assembled at 15,000 feet, over launcher 6 at 1016 hours.

2. Aircraft not attacking: Twenty one aircraft departed this base in formation. Twenty one aircraft were dispersed.

Aircraft #42-31066 turned back at 1225 hours, from 20,000 feet. All aircraft in this group returned.

100TH "A" GROUP

1. The 100th "A" Group took off at 0832 hour. By 0920 hours the group formation had assembled over splasher 6 at 5,000 feet. The group did not make it's rendezvous with the 13 "A" Combat Wing, so the 100th "A" group tacked on to the 13 "B" Combat Wing, flying as an extra high group. This was at 1040 hours at 14,700 feet over splasher 6.

2. Aircraft not attacking; twenty aircraft departed splasher 6 in formation. Twenty aircraft were dispersed.

Aircraft # 42-38018 ditched and the crew was rescued. #42-30782 is missing. No more information is available.

ADDITIONAL NARRATIVE

The 100th "A" Group flew as an extra high group stepped up from the low group of the 13th "B" Combat Wing, instead of with the 13th "A" Wing as briefed. With the two 100th Groups flying in the same formation the enemy coast was crossed at 1128 hours and the course was held good through the IP at 49 01 03 N, 11 30 E. The bombs were away at 1406 hours. Coming out the enemy coast was reached at 1634 and due to the shortage of

Mission Feb 25 (cont'd)

gasoline a heading straight to the base was taken.

Bombing results were believed excellent, although it was rather far rather hard to decide actual position of bomb strikeage due to the fact that the target was still shrouded from its raid made it by the 15th Air Force earlier in the day. It was difficult to identify one bombing point due to smoke. The bombing was made manually. Photos show that the entire target area was covered by billowing smoke.

Night single engined aircraft attacked our Lead Group in the vicinity of Luxembourg, but in spite of their aggressiveness they were driven off by the escort. In the vicinity of Stuttgart other enemy attacks were made but again the escort was excellent. Enemy aircraft were usually unable to make more than one pass at the formations before they were engaged. Intense barrages of anti-aircraft were encountered over Saarbrucken area, and at Regensburg. Flak at court was meager.

One of our aircraft is missing from the formation. 788 was hit by flak in the target area and fell out of formation. There is some question as to whether it was the F-17 seen to go down in a spin, break off in the air then crash and explode, or whether it was another that straggled behind and was shot down at 1536 hours. From the first no shuttles were seen, from the second four. Members of this crew are as follows: Lts S A McClain, J D McPride, I Mordkowitz, H E Glasco, T/Sgts S II Kuntz, A E Fernandez, S/Sgts L H Bennett, C P Zukowski, G Knudsen, C L Cook.

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Our aircraft #018 lost one engine just south of Nuremberg and droped bombs at 4906-0923 E. Lt Stout the pilot, then joined the 95th Group formation and flew back to the English Channel where he ditched. All the crew members were rescued.

OPERATIONAL NARRATIVE, FEB 28
Crossbow

1. The 100th Group took off at 1215 hours. By 1243 hours the group formation had assembled over Dieppe.

2. Aircraft not attacking: Twenty-one aircraft started this batch in formation. Aircraft 42-3508 turned back at 1207 hours, from altitude 10,000 feet. Twenty-one aircraft were dispatched.

All of our aircraft returned.

ADDITIONAL NARRATIVE.

The target were installations in Northwest France, but no bombs were dropped. Visibility was very poor in target area with one squadron being unable to pick up the target in its sights after three bombing runs.

There were no enemy aircraft seen, and moderate flak was encountered in Dieppe, and Abbeville areas.

OPERATIONAL NARRATIVE, FEBRUARY 29
BRITISH TICK

1. The 100th Bomb Group formation took off at 0700 hours. By 0935 hours the group formation had assembled at 2,500 feet over Bunker Hill. At 0800 hours, the rendezvous was made with the 390th Group at 10,000 feet over Bunker Hill. For details flown, times and formation refer to log, track chart and narrative.

2. Aircraft not attacking: Twenty-one aircraft departed Splinter 6 in formation.

Aircraft 42-31767 turned back at 1005, altitude 12,000 feet. 42-37800 turned back at 1105 hours from 21,000 feet after having bombed. Twenty aircraft were dispatched.

All our aircraft returned.

ADDITIONAL NARRATIVE

The enemy coast was crossed 1014 hours at 52 35 - 04 2. The I.P. was reached at 1112 hours at which time bomb bay doors were opened and a yellow yellow flare fired from the lead ship to indicate that bombs would be dropped on the pathfinder. At 1119 $\frac{1}{2}$ bombs were away on the pathfinder over the city of Brunswick. However, a minute and a half earlier an accidental bomb release was made by the left wing ship of the lead of the 100th Group and the majority of the ships dropped on him. Some crew members note fires burning through the 10/10 undercast but photos show nothing.

Flying 8/s low group in the 13th Combat Wing we drew no enemy fighter attacks. An attack was seen against an abortive B-17 but our escort drove them away. An intense barrage of ack ack at the target. Light elsewhere.

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ROUILLY-SUR-Seine, FEB 5, 1944

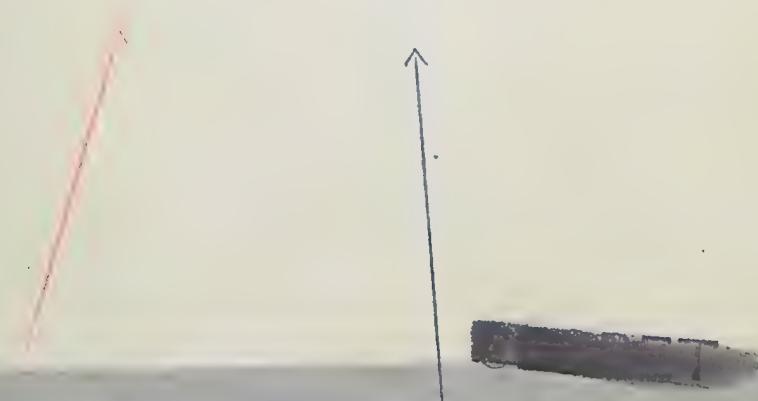
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Evraux-Fauville, Feb 6

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"A" Group

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100 B Group

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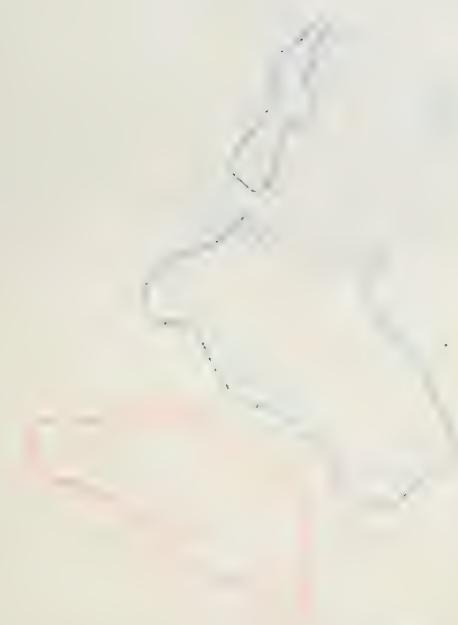


VORLEN, FEBRUARY 21, 1944

100 "A" group bombed airdrome with aiming point unknown.

REGENSBURG MISSION, JULY 25

Div 2 - 160 B group



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THIRTY-FIVE SORTIES

The following named Officers and Enlisted Men of the 100th Bombardment Group completed 25 sorties on the missions indicated by the code opposite their names.

T/Sgt C. M. W. KELLY, 31164405	4
1st Lt. ROBERT S. DAVIS, 0-742974	6
T/Sgt J. H. TROST, 0-280732	6
S/Sgt J. R. H. BURKE, 35361966	6
S/Sgt ROBERT D. MURKIN, 17156298	6
T/Sgt JAMES L. JURKOWSKI, 32360741	10
Capt. V. T. F. P. PENDERS, 0-663490	13
1st Lt. J. E. H. COCHADO, 0-798007	13
1st Lt. J. E. H. COCHADO, 0-798013	13
2nd Lt. ROBERT J. JULICI, 0-677818	13
T/Sgt JAMES C. MCGEE, 32164351	13
S/Sgt ROBERT C. MURKIN, 17091505	13
T/Sgt ROBERT C. MURKIN, 17076709	13
1st Lt. J. H. D. A. DUNNEDIN, 0-684293	21
Captain DONALD H. DOTTWELL, 0-737616	21
1st Lt. ROBERT C. DODD, 0-676883	21
T/Sgt JAMES C. GILLIN, 32391944	21
T/Sgt ROBERT C. CLIFF, 37165314	21
T/Sgt ROBERT C. CLIFF, 31083152	21
S/Sgt ROBERT C. BRUNN, 36068032	21
S/Sgt ROBERT C. HALL, 32480066	21
Capt ROBERT C. BRUNN, 0-731353	24
1st Lt ROBERT C. BRUNN, 0-682319	24
1st Lt ROBERT C. MILAM, 0-683284	24
1st Lt ROBERT C. MILAM, 0-761193	24
2nd Lt ROBERT C. DUNLAP, 0-739410	24
1st Lt ROBERT C. MILAL, 0-739043	24
T/Sgt ROBERT C. MILAN, 31164984	24
T/Sgt ROBERT C. TEE, 39455244	24
S/Sgt ROBERT C. DALE, 32282105	24
S/Sgt ROBERT C. GUILLER, 36061894	24
/Cpt ROBERT C. GUL, 35315769	24
1st Lt ROBERT C. DRUMOND, 0-2044762	25
1st Lt ROBERT C. KELLY, 0-676292	

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1st Lt	EDWARD R. PARK	0-671172	25
2nd Lt	JOHN A. MURRAY	-746210	25
2nd Lt	JOHN S. MCLELLAN	0-802500	25
S/Sgt	JOHN P. CONDON	11038415	25
S/Sgt	JOHN A. DELFRICHE	6907316	25
 Capt	JAMES C. GRIFFIN	0-798589	 28
1st Lt	JAMES A. GRIFFIN	0-673771	28
1st Lt	CHARLES J. MURPHY	0-673903	28
1st Lt	CHARLES J. O'CONNOR	0-673702	28
T/Sgt	CHARLES J. PUGLISI	37-59779	28
T/Sgt	CHARLES J. RYAN	13039826	28
T/Sgt	CHARLES W. O'CONNOR	32551147	28
S/Sgt	CHARLES A. RUMS	16062113	28
S/Sgt	CHARLES W. RYAN	38-70290	28
S/Sgt	CHARLES W. WEDDE	12266107	28
S/Sgt	CHARLES Z. TOTTE	13074380	28
S/Sgt	CHARLES J. WHALEY	34-26128	28
S/Sgt	CHARLES W. WILGRIM	19072519	28
 1st Lt	RONALD J. BLACK		 29
1st Lt	RONALD J. HIGGINS		29
1st Lt	RONALD J. MURRAY		29
2nd Lt	RONALD J. POWELL		29
2nd Lt	RONALD E. OLIVER		29
2nd Lt	RONALD R. VANNIN		29
T/Sgt	RONALD R. CONTRERAS		29
T/Sgt	RONALD R. HESCH		29
S/Sgt	RONALD S. FURRICK		29
S/Sgt	RONALD L. GRIMM		29
S/Sgt	RONALD H. TICKES		29
S/Sgt	RONALD KING		29
S/Sgt	RONALD H. LOTTE		29
S/Sgt	RONALD H. LOVIN		29

AN EIGHTH AIR FORCE STATION, England -- A Flying Fortress pilot and members of his crew stood before Brig. Gen. Curtis E. LeMay while the general pinned on their blouses some of the highest decorations for valor within the gift of the American people.

There were Silver Stars for 1st Lt Robert Rosenthal, pilot, a former New York lawyer, 1f 155 13th St., Brooklyn; for 2/Sgt Loren F. Darling, right waist gunner, 22, of Sac City, Iowa; and for S/Sgt John Shaffer Jr, left waist gunner, of Curwensville Pa.

To six others went the Distinguished Flying Cross ; 2/Lt Ronald C. Baile, navigator, of 83 Vermont Ave., Hempstead, L.I.; 2nd Lt Wimsey T. Lewis, co-pilot, of 1912 Hugh Drive, Houston, Texas; 2/Lt Clifford T. Milburn, bombardier, 22, of 6424 Elms Ave, Chicago; 2/Sgt Michael V. Roccauzzi, 21, radio operator, of 31 Mission St, Stamford, Conn; 2/Sgt William J. DeFlasio, 19, tail gunner, of 44 So Trenton Ave, Wilkinsburg, Pa., and T/Sgt Clarence C. Hall, 22, mid top turret gunner, of Perry, Fla.

And to the ball turret gunner, 2/Sgt Ray H. Robinson, 21, of 715 Fourth St. Arkansas City, Kansas, and Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal previously awarded him.

The decorations will help the crew remember what happened on October 10, 1943 though it is unlikely that any of them will forget.

That was the day the Flying Fortress Rosie's Riveters took off to help bomb Munster, one of the thirteen planes in their group, and came back six or seven hours later all alone, two

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engines blasted out, wings riddled with rocket holes, hydraulic and oxygen systems shattered, and made a miracle landing without benefit of flaps or brakes. It was Rosie's Riveters against the Luftwaffe that day, and it was her second mission.

The crew couldn't give many particulars of what had happened to the other twelve planes of their group. They told of a nightmare of flak and streams of enemy fighters, or this was in October, before the Eighth Air Force was able to fill the air over Germany targets with fighters of its own. First of all, they said, were the rockets - squads and platoons of ME 110's lining up just out of machine gun range and showering the fortresses with flaming missiles that looked as big as hogsheads as they streaked west.

They had seen unforgettable sights - bombers dropping in flames out of formation - bombers exploding like bursts of flak to the right and left; stricken fighters lunging to their doom - until the whole upper air was a carnival of fiery destruction and sudden death.

They knew that their group had closed up and closed again as gaps were blasted in their ranks, until finally Rosie's Riveters was left alone, at the beginning of its bomb run over the target. One engine had been destroyed already, and a huge hole in the left wing showed where a rocket had entered from behind and exploded between two of the Fort's big gas tanks.

Pilot Rosenthal made a quick decision. lone fortress, under fighter attack, is a poor risk on a bombing run. But there was a

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target, and Roccie's Riveters, sole survivor of her group and with a green crew, went in on her run, flying smooth and steady and level, without target or everything the Luftwaffe had in the air and on the ground. And held her course until Lieutenant Milburn called "Bombs away" and she was free to fight her way home. From Funchster to the French coast it was a dogfight. Two, three and four at a time the fighters came in at her. Another engine was knocked out, the oxygen system crippled. A 20 mm. cannon shell screamed into the waist and exploded, wounding both waist gunners. Sgt. Shaffer went out cold; but Lt Darling, though hard hit in the head and hands, stayed at his gun fighting off vicious and persistent attacks, until he collapsed from shock and exhaustion.

Then the ball turret guns went silent, the guns hopelessly frozen.

Boccuzzi, the radio operator, had been having a busy half hour. His 50 caliber had destroyed one Focke Wulf, warding off numerous fierce attacks. Now, according to his citation "observing that both waist gunners had been seriously wounded, Sgt. Boccuzzi, assisted by the ball turret gunner (Sgt. Robinson) carried his wounded comrades to the radio compartment and secured a supply of oxygen for them. Having accomplished this he returned to the waist section, which was entirely unprotected, and manned the left waist gun until all danger of further attacks had ceased." Sgt. Robinson had set himself up at the right waist gun for sim-

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ilar duty.

Nearville far back in the tail gun position, Sgt DeBlosio had been having himself quite a field day. He is credited with having destroyed two Focke Wulf 190's with damaging others. Lt Bailey took time out from his navigation to man the nose gun and cripple a fourth enemy fighter. Sgt Hall, in the top turret, kept the air above clear of fighters, and his companions still claim he'd destroyed two fighters, he never bothered to claim. And Rosenthal and his co-pilot Lewis, sweated at their controls, swinging the ship in evasive action, nursing their two remaining engines and shooting at the gasoline supply. Bombardier Wilburn had turned himself into a gunner, and fought off nose attacks with Bailey.

Bailey and Wilburn told how Sgt Darling, left wounded in the radio compartment, now appeared in the nose to assist in locating Rosie's home field, a difficult assignment because of the heavy fog which had closed in over the English meadows during the afternoon.

Together they brought Rosie's Riveters home to a safe landing, although to this day Rosenthal and Lewis couldn't tell you just how the landing was made. Somehow they all stayed in one piece and walked away from it, though Rosie herself looked like somethin out of a junk heap, and what the ground crew had to do to her shouldn't happen to a Fortress.

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AN EIGHT AIR FORCE PILOT, England -- Captain William D. De Sanders, Flying Fortress pilot and Flight Commander whose plane, "Alice from Dallas" has introduced the Nazis by proxy to the Captain's wife for whom the ship was named, has completed his operational tour with the Eighth Air Force, winding up a colorful career in this theater with a flight over the Pas de Calais area which proved to be anything but strenuous.

Captain DeSanders, who wears the Purple Heart, Air Medal with several Oak Leaf Clusters, and who has participated in many of the notable Fortress attacks on occupied territory, has the distinction of being the last of the original officer personnel of his squadron to finish his tour.

Captain DeSanders, before the war a student at the University of Missouri, lives at 4405 Fairfax Ave., Dallas. He was married here in the service to "Alice from Dallas" and only a few weeks ago received word that he was the father of a baby girl.

The captain has participated in many of the notable flying fortress attacks on enemy and occupied territory. One of his closest calls came recently on a visit to the same Pas De Calais section, when he brought home his plane with her rudder shot up, two engines knocked out by flak and all engine controls shot away. Both he and his partner in the cockpit, Major Albert H. Ulton of Atlanta, Ga., were wounded slightly by flak, DeSanders in the leg and Ulton in the eye. The pilots managed to get home and land safely, but then had great difficulty in taxiing their

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ship off the runway, since they could not control their remaining engines. Finally they settled for a tow tractor.

Captain DeSanders lost his entire original crew early in his tour of operations when they elected to fly with another pilot on a day when he was grounded for illness. The mission was over Kiel, and the plane did not return. He participated in the record bombing attack on installations at Trondheim, Norway, which still rates as the record B-17 mission, in point of distance, and has helped bomb Bremen, Paderborn, Stuttgart, Marienburg, Paris, St. Ezaire, Gelsenkirchen, and other towns whose services are rated highly by Eighth AAF airmen. For meritorious achievement during an attack on Frankfurt, Capt. Desanders has been recommended for the DFC.

AN EIGHTH AAF BOMBER STATION, England -- The flying fortress, "Fools Rush In", really rushed into something during the recent Eighth AAF bombing attack against Braunschweig, Germany when they encountered about everything the Luftwaffe had including a four-engined German fighter which shot down a crippled B-17 in sight of the hard pressed crew.

The pilot of "Fools Rush In" 2nd Lt Love, reported seeing about 75 enemy fighters including Focke Wulfs, Messerchmitts and night fighters or the JU-88 variety. Pilot Love, whose home is at 1310 Liberty St, Jacksonville, Fla. reported no direct attack on his own plane. The German fighters in the main went after ships that were crippled by anti-aircraft fire and straggling.

The four engined fighter, attacked a straggler from another formation of Forts and pursued it about a mile beyond the point where the crew of "Fools Rush In" first observed it. The German ship had a twin-tail. It attacked the Fortress head-on, and sent the American bomber down. After shooting down the B-17 the German plane did a wing-up, its four engines plainly visible. According to descriptions of this ship by members of Love's crew the German plane resembled a Focke and Voss transport.

While no direct attack was made on Pilot Love's ship or those in his own formation, other formations were engaged in savage fighting. From a higher altitude, crew members of "Fools Rush In" could see the spectacle of dog-fighting planes grappling all over the sky. German planes dived through one formation and pulled up under another. At times the air was filled with burning

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aircraft and furious dogfights. One particularly hot bit of action was observed when P-38 fighters took on a bunch of twin-engined Messerschmitt 210s.

"Another MR. Pilot Lovo brought his ship over the target and dropped his load of bombs then flew back again. So far as "Fools with Ia" it was a quiet day their own particular portion of the sky above the Alps being somewhat like an oasis of peace in the midst of Armageddon, but that Pilot Lovo and his crew saw from the upper balcony will remain long in their memories as one of the most savage spectacles of aerial warfare."

AIRCRAFT ACCIDENTS

There was just one aircraft accident during the month of February on this station and it did not involve a ship of this Group. However, on the 23 of February at 1404 hours, Lt. William B. Adams, of the 453 Bombardment Group landed on runway 35 of this station and overshot into a road some 200 yards beyond the end. The airplane had fifteen men aboard, including a ferry crew that it was delivering, but none sustained serious injury.

The cause of the accident must be attributed to pilot error. The aircraft did not touch until it was nearly half way down the runway. Both brakes worked and held since tire marks were visible on 400 to 500 yards of cement.

Fire started inside the plane but the crash crew immediately extinguished it before it spread to the gasoline. The entire nose section of the aircraft was destroyed and smashed in, the landing gear was ruined and #1 and #2 engines and propellers damaged.

Three men: 2nd Lt. Kenneth A. Samuelson, T/Sgt Morris S. Harriman and S/Sgt Clarence N. Everheart were pinned under the ship in such a position that extreme care had to be taken in removing them. Though their injuries were not obvious they were taken to the 231st Station Hospital.

FEBRUARY STATISTICAL SUMMARY CHART

Mission Number	Date	Target	A/C Asgn	A/C Opn.	Abortion	A/C Attk	Bombs Drpd	A/C Dis	A/C Lost	Dest	Enemy Par	A/C Claim
105	3	Wilhelmshaven	57	48	6 2	16 18	160/500 179/500	17 20	0	0	0	0
106	4	Frankfurt	57	40	4 2	16 19	150/500 170/500	18 20	2 1	0	0	0
107	5	Paris	54	31	4	18	224/500	20	0	0	0	0
108	6	Evereux-Fauville	54	32	1	21	254/500	22	0	0	0	0
110	10	Brunswick	54	32	5	13	130/500	16	2	0	0	0
111	13	Crossbow	54	46	0 0	21 21	252/500 252/500	21 21	0 0	0	0	0
112	20	Stetin	55	54	2	27	210/500	27	2	1	1	3
113	21	Alhorn	53	49	3 1	16 19	160/500 190/500	16 19	1 0	0	0	0
114	22	"Abortive"	53	45	"all"	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
116	24	Rostock	62	46	1 1	14	140/500 200/500	14 20	0 0	0	2	5
117	25	Regensburg	62	44	1	19 20	796/100 200/500	21 20	1	0	0	0
119	28	Noball	60	50	1	0	0	21	0	0	0	0
120	29	Brunswick	60	46	1	19	798/100	20	0	0	0	0

AWARDS

The Following General Orders, Headquarters 3d Parachute Division, contain citations making awards to members of this command during the month of February 1944:

Numbers: 29, 30, 31, 35, 37, 44,

Listed below the General Orders of Headquarters 3d Air Force:

Numbers: 48, 53, 59, 67, 71, 72, 77, 82, 84, 13, 91, 92, 95, 96, 97, 100, 102, 105, 106, 107, 108.

The awards for the month were all for meritorious or extraordinary achievement or wounds received in action. There were no awards during the month granted members of this Group for "Heroism".

STATION LIFE

Athletics

February brought an end to the basketball activities for this station's "off-base" teams. Having finished the Eury St. Edmonds 3d Division League in first and second places in the five and six o'clock leagues respectively, our teams were expected to show great things in their tournament playoffs. To simplify the tourney each station floored but one team, those with more than one pooling their players. This may or may not have unbalanced our combinations, but it cost extinction.

Our team played two games. The first against Nettersham was a fairly one-sided affaire with the opponents getting away nicely and coasting to a 45 - 36 victory. Fighting for a show place in the round robin meet, we next met Great Ashfield. Opening up a nice lead our boys held a four point lead up to the last two minutes, only to see it vanish with the game when the depot boys sank three quickies. The second defeat read 48 - 46. In a sort of act of self-justification, both teams were invited to this station for another look-see and both received rough treatment in the hands of the home towners, our boys ending up with ten or so points to spare in both events. Looking back on the season as a whole, our outfit did a good job considering the late start and training limitations during the early season. We hope that the boys will be playing City Service teams in Scranton and Walla

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Walla by the time next season rolls around.

In the Inta-Base League there was no let-up but the competition narrowed the running down to two teams that will meet in a three game play-off in March. The teams represent the 349 Bomb Sq and the 350 Bomb Sq. Though the 349 suffered a defeat it has developed into a combination that should win handily.

Boxing

February gave the station two boxing shows in the Flister Hangar. Interest in the sport has developed nicely since we sent a couple of leather throwers to Fury in the early winter. The first scraps of the month featured a six round card with the presence of Capt. Steve Hamas as referee doing much to fill the house.

In the first bout Sgt Holley Deane, who did a bit of pre-war time in the squared circle around Sean Town, crossed two nice smashers to the chop of one Pete Castro of the 349th and that was that. The gong sounded after 28 seconds of the first. Next came Livingston of the 1776 Ord. Co. with a close decision over "fc Johnny" "Canvas Back" D'Amico also of the 349th. In the next contest Art Glen Siebel of the 1776th TKO'd N/Sgt Doyle in the first at the same time putting him on crutches with a broken ankle. After the bout Doyle was heard to murmur "I've been struck a low blow."

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Sgt Dineen decisioned Sonley of the 869th Chemical. In a Stevenson battle reminiscent of the pier days, Dick Grynn of the 350th Park Sq patrolled Postwick o the MP company in three rough rounds. In the last bout Willie Grindle of the 349th and the Signal Services Department slugged out a decision o. Col Harvey "Big Nose" Woods of the 351st.

Judges for the bouts are Colonel Hardig, station commander, Capt. Van Houser, and Lt. Ray Miles.

In February 28th another six bout show, matched, promoted, and announced by McC Joe (he helped to put up the ring) Balinazi packed the house. It is estimated that 14,00 khaki clads spun the turnstiles in the bluster hangar, principally because no one even passed a h.c. fut the show was worth a bob or two.

In the first contest, Livingston worked out a hard decision over Ace DiMico, followed by George Kusner, 418th C, outpointing Jimmy Lira of the 351st. Matched by popular demand, Sgt Foley Dean again went the route with Pete Castro taking the nod on points. Next Sgt Wirt of the 28th Station Complement TK'd Cpl Federici of the 349th. In a heavy-weight bout 218 lb. Sgt Fen (Big Horn) Carter pounded out a one side decision over Sgt Oblack of the 28th. In the exciting last bout Cpl Billy Grindle lost a faint victory in the third round when both fighters towled through the ropes and Sgt. Manny Gonzales, 1776 Ord Co, was the only one who could clamber back in.

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Judges for the matches were Col. Harding, Major Logan, and Lt Bailey of 3d Division. The ref. alignment was divided between Mr. Fenton of the Fury Re: Cross and Lt Ray Wiles.

It was announced that the 3d Division championships would be held at this station on March 22nd.

Efforts to put over an athletic program solely for the combat crews during their hours of ease seemed destined to lay an egg. Principle reason seemed to be that the winged ones were pretty well occupied and the moments of freedom during the match were spent in well-deserved sack time or on~~s~~ pass. However, Lt. Neighbors, realizing that athletics should be a vital part of their program has set up, beside the basketball floor, volleyball and badminton courts in the blister hangar. Also planned to take the place of the vaning hoop season is a volleyball loop.

Special Services kept up its full agenda of liberty runs, USO shows and movies. By far the most popular morale factor on this or any station is the motion picture theater, take it or leave it. I don't know just what a good projector and sound track on one of these small machines should sound like, but if it should be like ours is the majority of the time, then it shouldn't happen to a dog. If a good outfit could be gotten on this station for keeps it sure would be appreciated.

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RED CROSS ACTIVITIES

The Aero Club has reached a point very nearly perfect as proved by the administrative inspection last month, and as the men do say there is not much more they can do about it except live up the good work and add new things every now and then. To the enlisted men the Aero Club and the Red Cross activities represent an organ that has become accessible and could not be discontinued. To the officers just the girls friends when they drop in for chow every now and then ain't hay, neither. Of all the good ideas in this world I think Miss (or Mrs.) Patterson has about the best. That vote makes it up to us.

Our club adored a lady with a sewing machine and fistfulls of money. In the break bar and fought like hell for a larger variety of food and even threw in a Pingo night with prizes to boot. They worked harder when a personnel shortage caused their enlisting help to be withdrawn and even cut down on the civilian patronage so that Red Cross monyays could be spread further.

For objective, there were three outside speakers during February arranged in conjunction with Special Services. Captain James Fane spoke on Tunisia, Jerusalem and the rest of the Near East and the goings on about Teheran. It was war in those campaigns, again talk like background of the sessions and done good too. John Mills from the Ministry of Information spoke on the month of January as a world power with profundity, and Colonel Hollingshead spoke on just about everything that might want to know about and exhibited his Australian horse who at the same time.

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GROUND SCHOOL

Thirteen missions are fitted during the month, a couple to scrubbed, practice missions whenever possible, and it becomes difficult to fit in many hours of ground school. On the 23rd sixteen new crews came in and the lecture hall back cracked to quickly, so recess began with the indoctrination procedures.

All of the notables noted during the period were as follows. Mr. Captain Gorley of an airbourne staff lecture on the tankers. It was an interesting looksee into what the other Hall is doing and was planned to give specific ideas of what to do and not to do if you ever find yourself mixed up in a bit of aerial operations. A representative of the Indianapolis Hengstall Co., Mr. Hanson, told the Pilots, Co-pilots, Engineers, and Radio Operators some more about the electronic surcharge, with good results. There was an excellent movie on thunderstorms showing just exactly the advisability of turning right, or left if you'll rather, when confronted by a storm that looks like it might have gravel in it. It showed the effects on the aircraft of thunderstorm action.

Gunnery was stressed. The group gunnery office, Mr. Cohen gave a fine harmonization of guns to all personnel in the crew who handle them; so that they will be able to function correctly instead of relying on the armament personnel.

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HEADQUARTERS
ONE HUNDREDTH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
Office of the Operations Officer
APO 634

1 February 1944

GROUND SCHOOL SCHEDULE FOR WEDNESDAY, 2 FEBRUARY 1944

TIME	PERSONNEL	SUBJECT	PLACE	INSTRUCTOR
0930 - 1030	B, N of 11-12-13-14-15-16-17-18-19-20-21-23-25-24-25- 48-50-51-52-53-56-57-61-62-63-64-68-69-70	S - 2 (T)	Pilots Brief. Room	Lt. Juster
0930 - 1030	Crews (less P, N) 19-20-21-22-23-24-25-61-62-63-64-66- 68-69-70	Fighter Movie	School Building	
1030 - 1100	Crews 19-20-21-22-23-24-26-27-61-62-63-64-66-68-69-70	Incendiary Grenade Demon.	School Building	M/Sgt. Dike
1100 - 1130	Crews 10-11-12-13-14-15-16-17-18-49-50-51-52-53-54-55	"	"	" "
1330 - 1430	Bg H of 1-2-3-5-6-7-8-9-28-29-30-31-32-33-35-36-37-38- 39-40-41-42-43-44-45-74-75-76-77-79-80-81-82	S - 2 (T)	Pilots Brief. Room	Lt. Juster
1330 - 1430	1st Radio Ops of 2-3-5-6-7-8-9-23-29-31-32-33-35-36-37-38 39-40-41-42-43-44-45-74-75-76-77-79-80-81-82	Radio	Radio School	Capt. Lash
1330 - 1430	Crews (less B, N, R) listed above	Fighter Movie	School Building	
1430 - 1500	Crews 1-2-3-5-6-7-8-9-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-45	Incendiary Grenade Demon.	School Building	M/Sgt. Dike
1500 - 1530	Crews 28-29-30-31-32-33-35-36-74-75-76-77-78-80-81-82	"	"	" "
1530 - 1630	Crews 77 - 79 - 80	Ditching Drill	418th Engineering Shop	Lt. Smith
1530 - - - -	All other Combat Crew Personnel report to Squadron Operations			

By order of the Commanding Officer:

JOHN B. KIDD
Lt. Col., Air Corps,
Operations Officer.

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3 February 1944.

GROUND SCHOOL SCHEDULE FOR FRIDAY, 4 FEBRUARY 1944.

TIME	PERSONNEL	SUBJECT	PLACE	INSTRUCTOR
1030 - 1130	Nav. of 2-3-5-6-7-8-9-28-29-31-32-33-35-36-37-38- 39-40-41-42-43-44-45-74-75-76-77-79-80-81-82	Radio	Radio School	Capt. Lash
1030 - 1130	Bomb of 2-3-5-6-7-8-9-28-29-31-32-33-35-36-37-38- 39-40-41-42-43-44-45-74-75-76-77-79-80-81-82	Navigation Exam	Navigation Room	Capt. Crosby
1330 - 1430	<u>ALL</u> Pilots & Co-Pilots	Airmanship	School Building	Col. Kidd
1330 - 1430	<u>ALL</u> Navigators & Bombardiers	S - 2 (T)	Pilots Briefing Room	Lt. Juster
1430 - 1530	Nav. of 11-13-14-15-16-17-18-19-20-21-22-23-24-25- 49-50-51-52-53-55-57-62-63-64-66-68-69-70	Radio	Radio School	Capt. Lash
1430 - 1530	Bomb of 11-13-14-15-16-17-18-19-20-21-22-23-24-25- 49-50-51-52-53-55-57-62-63-64-66-68-69-70	Navigation Exam	Navigation Room	Capt. Crosby
1430 - 1530	Crews 40-45-61	A/C Recognition #6	Gunner's Brief. Room	Lt Bowers
1530 - 1630	Crews 40-45-61	Medical	School Building	Capt. Hardy
1530 - 1630	Crews 38-43-44	Ditching Drill	349th Engineering Shop	Lt. Sparks
1530 - - -	All other Combat Crew Personnel report to Squadron Operations			

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GROUND SCHOOL SCHEDULE FOR SATURDAY, 5 FEBRUARY 1944

TIME	PERSONNEL	SUBJECT	PLACE	INSTRUCTOR
0930 ~ 1030	Crews 40-45-61	A/C Recognition #6	Gunners Brief. Room	Lt. Bowers
0930 ~ 1030	Bomb of 2-5-6-7-8-28-31-32-33-35-36-37-38-39- 44-74-76-77-79-80-81-82	Radio Check	Radio School	Capt. Lash
1030 ~ 1130	Nav. of 2-3-5-6-7-8-9-28-29-31-32-33-35-36-37- 38-39-40-41-42-43-44-45-74-75-76-77-78-80-81-82	Radio	Radio School	Capt. Lash
1030 ~ 1130	Bomb of 19-20-21-22-23-24-25-28-29-31-32-33-35-36- 61-62-63-64-66-68-69-70-74-75-76-77-79-80-81-82	General Navigation Review	Navigation Room	Capt. Crosby
1330 ~ 1430	<u>ALL</u> Bombardiers & Navigators	S - 2 (T)	Pilots Brief. Room	Lt. Juster
1430 ~ 1530	Nav. of 11-13-14-15-16-17-18-19-20-21-22-23-24-25- 49-50-51-52-53-61-62-63-64-66-68-69-70	Radio	Radio School	Capt. Lash
1430 ~ 1530	Crews 55 & 57	Ditching Drill	350th Engineering	Lt. Cock
1530 ~ 1630	Crews 40-45-61	Medical	School Building	Capt. Hardy
1530 ~ 1630	Bomb of 11-13-14-15-16-17-18-19-20-21-22-23-25- 49-50-51-53-55-57-64-66-68	Radio Check	Radio School	Capt. Lash
1530 ~ 1630	All other Combat Crew Personnel report to Squadron Operations			

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3d Sqd of the Operations Officer
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5 February 1944.

NOTED OPERATING SCHEDULE FOR TODAY, 6 FEBRUARY 1944.

TIME	ACTIVITY	PROJECT	PLACE	LEADER
1320 - 1430	1st B and 1st C of 2-5-6-7-3-57-28-41-13-46- 13-17-14-31-17-40-11-13-8-1-57- 18-23-24-26-31-12-30-21-14-16-9-1- 2-35-24-31-70-11-17-18	Battery Critique	School Building	Major Cohen
1400 - 1530	1st Bombardiers	Bombing Critique	School Building	Capt. Casas
1430 - 1530	1st Navigators	Navigating Critique	Env. 10-12	Capt. Tracy
1530 - 1630	Bombardiers of 2-5-4-3-6-11-20-16-18-1-17-1- 16-20-21-22-23-20-52-31-31-21-37-12-14-19-12- 31-39-15-67-24-60-70-21-71-27-39-17-2	Radio Check	Radio Room	Capt. Tracy
1540 - 1620	Crews 40-45-1	Medical	School Building	Capt. Tracy
1530 - 1650	Recs 38-42-14	Mechanical	3d Sqd Engineering Shop	Lt. Purvis
1430 - 1830	All other Cockpit Crew personnel report to Squadron Operations.			

In order of the Commanding Officer:

J. W. J. H. G.
Lt. Col., Air Corps
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Title of the Interrogation Officer
A. J. O'Neil

1000th Training Group, 71st Wing, 11 February 1944.

10 February 1944.

TIME	CODE WORD	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	OFFICER
0830 - 1030	Cross 1-2-3-5-7-8-0-3 -40-41-42-43-44-45	ir- on base (non. numbers tripling from ring to file)	Electronic War�arger School Building	Capt. O'Neil
0830 - 1030	1,000,000 of 10-11-13-14-15-16-17-18-19-20- 21-22-23-24-25	Electronic War�arger School Building	Mr. Hansen	
0930 - 1030	Cross 1-2-3-5-7-8-0-3 -32-33-34-35-36	Security (2) 1120th Brief. Sq.	Lt. O'Neil 2d	
1030 - 1130	1,000,000 of crosses 19-20-21-22-23-24-15-27- 21-22-23-24-25-26-27-28	Electronic War�arger School Building	Mr. Hansen	
1030 - 1130	1,000,000 of 19-20-21-22-23-24-15-27- 21-22-23-24-25-26-27-28-1-21- 20-21-22-23-24-25-26-27-28-1-21- 20-21-22-23-24-15-16-17-18-19- 20-21-22-23-24-25-26-27-28	Navigation Room	Capt. Nick O'Neil	
1030 - 1430	8v. 1. Patch. 1F 20-21-6-25-15-24-72-76-77-78- 3-1-2-1-3-5-7-1-9-7-20-41-42-43-1-46	1-2 (2) Script on Paper	Capt. Nick O'Neil	
1030 - 1430	1,000,000 of 23-2-10-33-35-20-21-7-71-72-20-21	Electronic War�arger School Building	Mr. Hansen	
1330 - 1430	Cross 10-11-13-14-21-16-17-18-19-5 -31-32-33-34-35	ir- on base (non. numbers tripling from ring to file)	Capt. O'Neil	
1430 - 1530	1,000,000 of crosses 1-2-3-5-7-8-0-3 -40-41-12-43-44-45	Electronic War�arger School Building	Mr. Hansen	
1430 - 1530	All War�agers	Navigation Room	Lt. O'Neil 2d	
1530 - 1730	Cross 1-2-3-5-7-8-0-3 -32-40-41-42-43-44-45	Navigation Room	Lt. O'Neil 2d	
1530 - 1730	Weather Service	Ch. 1 12d.	Lt. O'Neil	
1530 - 1730	Switching Drill	880th Train. Sq. Ch. 1 Lt. O'Neil		

In order of the Commanding Officer:

Mr. O'Neil, Information Officer
Major, 880th Train. Sq. Ch. 1 Lt. O'Neil

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MAIN HAVING SCHEDULE FOR 21 FEB. 1944.

TIME	ACTIVITIES	TIME	ACTIVITIES	TIME	ACTIVITIES
0830 - 1030	Few. & bomb ord. of crews 2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9-10-11-12-13-14-15-16-17-18-19-20-21-22-23-24-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-45-46-47-48-49-40-51-52-53-54-55-56-57	Survey (ritig.)	School Ridge	0900	Capt. John
1030 - 1130	Fews 10-11-13-14-15-16-17-18-19-20-21-22-23-24-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-45-46-47-48-49-40-51-52-53-54-55-56-57	Air-Sea Recon. (ritig.) (radio) (sonar)	Survey (ritig.)	1000	over
1030 - 1130	Fews 16-21-22-23-24-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-45-46-47-48-49-40-51-52-53-54-55-56-57	radar (ritig.)	School building	1100	over
1130 - 1430	Few. & bomb. of 1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9-10-11-12-13-14-15-16-17-18-19-20-21-22-23-24-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-45-46-47-48-49-40-51-52-53-54-55-56-57	2-2 (7)	Verification (ritig.)	1200	over
1430 - 1530	All navigators	Navigators (ritig.)	Navigational	1300	Capt. Crosby
1430 - 1630	1st & 2nd Radio Oper. of crews 1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9-10-11-12-13-14-15-16-17-18-19-20-21-22-23-24-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-45-46-47-48-49-40-51-52-53-54-55-56-57	Radio (ritig.)	Radio check	1400	over
1530 - 1630	All bombardiers	Navigational (ritig.) (sonar)	Pilot in loco	1500	Capt. Crosby
1630 - 1830	1st & 2nd Radio Oper. of crews 10-11-13-14-15-16-17-18-19-20-21-22-23-24-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-45-46-47-48-49-40-51-52-53-54-55-56-57	Radio (ritig.)	Radio check	1600	over
1830 - 2030	Fews 10-11-13-14-15-16-17-18-19-20-21-22-23-24-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-45-46-47-48-49-40-51-52-53-54-55-56-57	radar	School building	1700	Capt. Crosby
1930 - 2130	Fews 40-45-51 (less 1. Operators on crew 51)	radar	School building	1800	Capt. Crosby
1930 - 2130	Fews 46-48-50	radar	2nd Lt. - Executive Chap. 11. over	1900	

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TIME	TYPE	TIME	TIME	TIME
1520 - 1430	Nav. & Bomb. of crews 2-3-5-6-7-8-9-10-20- 20-10-13-14-15-16-17-18-19-20-13-14-16-18-19- 20-21-23-25-26-26-	2-2 (7)	Navigation 1028	For the risk against a local
1430 - 1450	Groups 10-45-51	Medical	School Building	1st. 1st
1430 - 1530	Crews 10 20-21-22-23-24-25-31-32-43-61-62- (8-10 11-12-13-14-15-16-17-18-19-20-21-22-23-24-25-26- (string pencils)	Air - as Rescue	Authors' brief. 1100	Post - year
1430 - 1550	Crews 1-2-3-6-7-8-9-37-38-40-41 42-44-45 11. Weather Movie	Weather Movie	School Building	1st. 1st
1530 - 1630	Squadron Navigators	Greeting	Group Operations	1st. 1st
1630 - 1651	Comb. of crews 11-13-14-15-16-17-18-19-20-20- 20-25-27	Radio Clock	Middle School	Capt. Each
1630 - 1630	Crews 01-09-70	Pitching Drill	351st Engineering Shop	1st. 1st

By order of the Commanding Officer:

JAMES R. PITT
Lt. Col., Air Corps
Operations Officer

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TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	PERSONNEL
050 - 1030	Crews 11-1-14-15-17-17-17-49-50-52-53-57-57-57	Weather Movie	School Bldg. Lt. Trye
080 - 1030	Crews 2-3-6-7	/C Inspection	Officers Locker Bldg. Lt. Trye
1030 - 1130	Crews 23-29-31-33-35-71-73-75-77-78-80	Airsea escov Team. (ring encils)	Officers Locker Bldg. Capt. Crosby
1030 - 1130	Crews 1-2-3-6-7-8-9-37-38-40-41-47-48-49	Weather Movie	Radio Building Lt. Trye
1330 - 1430	Nav. & Bomb. of crews 2-3-5-6-7-9-10-20-20-30-33- 74-76-78-79-80-13-14-15-52-53-20-31-23-35-36	5-8 (T)	Navigation Room Capt. Arick Tyne Lt. Col.
1330 - 1430	Crews 15-17-18-49	/C Inspection	Officers Locker Bldg. Lt. Trye
1430 - 1530	Crews 19-18-21-22-23-24-26-61-62-63-64-65-70	Airsea escov Team. (ring encils)	Officers Locker Bldg. Capt. Crosby
1430 - 1530	Squadron Navigation	Meeting	Group Operations bldg. Capt. Crosby
1430 - 1530	Bomb. of crews 2-5-6-7-8-37-38-41-11-13-14-15-16-17- 18-40-50-53-60-67	Radio Check	Radio School Capt. Tech
1530 - 1630	All Bombariers	Navigation Exam. (ring encils)	Navigation Room Capt. Crosby
1530 - 1630	Crews 40-4-81 (less Bombariers)	Medical	School Bldg. Capt. Crosby
1630 - 1630	Crews 40-4-81 (less Bombariers)	Bitching Drill	361st Engineering Shop Lt. Weber

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John L. Rife
Lt. Col., Inf. Regt
Operations Div

WEEKLY

With the summer months coming on, outside activities increasing, the station health should improve and loss of man days decrease. During the month of February there were 1,56 days total lost due to medical reasons on this field of over 3,400 men. Though the third lowest in the division it should decrease rapidly due to the warm weather.

All cases of respiratory infections were hospitalized. In ~~this~~ comparison with the days back in the fall when this base seemed destined to carry off all honors for venereal disease cases there were only 6 cases during the month.

There were three battle casualty cases involving wounds. Chester L. Lovell suffered moderately severe frostbite of the buttocks, Robert Lechner was hit in the left foot by flak, and Walter Yarnall was blown by 30 cal. fire both in the shoulder blade area major, causing amputation of the latter. The battle frostbite case ranked a big improvement over previous months and over the experiences of the rest of the Division.

There was one death that is not included with those killed or missing in action on missions. S/Sgt Ralph Dachman of the 361st died from a fractured skull suffered when he fell from the window of a London Hotel room. The fall was accidental resulting from negligence of the hotel management in failing to mark an exit from a b-throon that led to a 20 foot drop. The death was in line of duty.

MONTHLY SUMMARY

BOMBING ACCURACY

Of the thirteen accredited missions run by the 100th Bombardment Group during the month of February 1944 only eight produced any results worth mentioning. Following is a brief resume of each mission from the standpoint of bombing.

The mission of the 3rd was a Pathfinder mission with both of the PFF ships attached to this group going out before the target was reached. The 90A Group returned with some strike photos showing terrain which could positively be identified as a section 4 1/2 miles NE of the center of Tidens near a village of Suurhusen. Pictures were made on railroads and roads. Pictures from cameras in 1. C. Group show the same district and their bombing is assumed to parallel that of the 90A Group. The 100E Group bombed thru thick clouds.

Remaining photos on the February 4th mission reveal the position of the aircraft during their bomb run. From compensation based on trajectory charts and the photos, bombs fell 4 miles NW of the center of Frankfurt in an area containing a railroad, portion of the village of Ruppenthal, and farmland. This holds true of both the 100A and E Groups. This was also a pathfinder mission.

On the 5th there was visual bombing, the 100th missed the assigned PPI giving a circular error of 1600 feet. However, the pattern which was 3000' x 2000' well covered a group of oil tanks in Villacoublay area.

Since the primary target was obscured by clouds on the February 6th mission, the lead bombardier picked two second by targets

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BOMBING ACCURACY (cont'd)

finally ending with a run on the Evreux-Fauville airdrome. Most of the bombs fell short and to the right of the runway and fields, but knocked hell out of a hangar, workshops, roads, and operations buildings.

On the 10th the 100th bombed on the 390th, releasing bombs when the formation was over the center of Brunswick. According to computations based on trajectory charts bombs fell in fields 2½ miles from the town. Because of the overcast and insufficient photos there could be no actual bomb charts.

Photos of the mission into France on the 13th show excellent bombing. A No ball mission, the Group bombed by squadrons, two groups bombed by squadrons, rather. All of 100th "B" put them in the 2000' doughnut with about 50% of the bombfall within 1000'. For two squadrons of "A" Group the results were the same, but due to smoke the bombfall of the third squadron could not be plotted.

The mission on the 20th was strictly PFM, no more, no less.

On the 21st "A" Group hit the airfield at Ahlhorn but no bomb charts could be made because it was a target of opportunity and there was no assigned aiming point. Those who were there say the bombing was good, and they were there. Whatever the "B" Group bombed, their pattern reveals that they were about 1000' over the aiming point and consequently landed mostly outside the built-up area of the field.

Mission of the 22nd was recalled; with no bombing. The 24th was pathfinder with no visual results. On the 25th about 55 bomb

FIRING ACCURACY (cont'd)

bursts were seen West of the target inflicting no damage. The Regensburg smoke obscured any further results. On the 25th they went to rendez but returned without bombing due to poor visibility. The last mission on January 29th was put under.

It is interesting to note that on Koball targets where bombing was done visually, the 3rd Division preferred to bomb by squadron on 22 attacks during the month as against under 10 for both the 1st and 2nd Divisions. Proving the wisdom of this selection is the following table of comparative efficiency of the two types of bombing as displayed in the 3rd Division.

<u>Fy Group</u>		<u>Fy Squadron</u>	
1000'	2000'	1000'	2000'
28%	53%	83%	95%

ROUTE AND WEATHER

Voluntary noted little slackening of the cold weather with temperatures at 25,000 feet averaging between 35 and 45 degrees below zero. Since shortage of good electrical clothing has been the major problem of the equipment officer, it is particularly to note that there was but one case of frostbite, and that was of the buttocks from you know what. This record is mostly due to the fact that more of the clothing is coming in, and that the new crews are coming over more thoroughly equipped. For a while in early

LIMIT OF ROLES (cont'd)

February the shortage of electrical footwear demanded that a modification be done using the British sock. However American shoes came in in sufficient quantity to dispense with that.

Aside from these things and with armor weather coming on, the equipment officer is beginning to like his job.

ADMINISTRATION

The drain on personnel from this station is something that is startling the command section but assayet hasn't effected its efficient. Whether the final removal of large groups of personnel working here on temporary duty will have any further effect only the future will show. It is felt by some that with the purpose, the number of aircraft and crews, doubled, the sections cannot stand reduction. However, efficiency through practice may counter-balance the loss.

Starting on the 16 of February, per Special Order 47, 3d Bomb Division, Officers and Unlisted Men were assigned to the yet inactive 493d Bombardment Group. Though the actual date of the activation is not yet known by us, some sixty men have already been assigned from the sections of the Group, and with no notice of their replacement, the loss will inevitably be felt. Among the Officers on orders, are 1st Lt Louis Loshier, 1st Lt Marvin A. Salten Jr, 1st Lt Richard C. Newton, and 2d Lt Richard C. Nordrum, all of whom filled minor positions on this station.

AIR INTELLIGENCE

Another vital personnel change took place the end of February though it did not actually become official until the 4th of March. Col Robert F. Flesher, per Special Order No. 3d Tech Aviation, was transferred to the 92d Combat Group. It is expected he will take up chores as the Wing Executive Officer. To fill the vacancy of Air Executive on this station Lt. Col. John Bennett was moved from the command of the 349th Bomb Gp., his former job being filled by Capt. Sam L. Lunn.

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HEADQUARTERS
AAF STATION NO. 139
APO 634

Special Orders)
No.....30)

1 February 44

1. The foll named EM, 28th Sta Comp Sq, are promoted to gr of Technical Sergeants (Temp), eff this date: (AR 615-5.)

S Sgt CURTIS L. GRIFFIN 34195941 S Sgt WILLIAM (NMI) ARMES 2095941

2. Pvt ROBERT A. BUCCINO, 31316097, 351st Bomb Sq, is trfd to Det of Pnts 231st Sta Hosp, APO 551, U.S. Army. No travel involved. Individual Clothing and Equipment will be shipped to EM. 91-5 P 431-03 A 0425-24. (AUTH: Par 1c, Adm Cir #37, SOS, ETOUSA, 22 June 43.)

3. The foll named EM, 418th Bomb Sq, are promoted to gr indicated, eff this date:

Sgt ANDREW J. DeGENNARO 32357338 To Be Staff Surgeant (Temp)
Pfc JOHN (NMI) HALL 39194206 To Be Corporal (Temp)

4. Cpl DAVID T. BREWER, 39615928, 28th Sta Comp Sq, is red to the gr of Private, for cause, eff this date. (AR 615-5.)

5. A lv of absence for a period of seven (7) days is hereby granted Capt SAM L. BARR, 0791275, 349th Bomb Sq, eff o/a 2 Feb 1944. (AR 605-115.)

6. 1st Lt HOWARD G. BALL, 0734297, is reld fr dy and asgmt with Hq Det 100th Bomb Gp, andreasgd to 349th Bomb Sq.

7. 1st Lt HOWARD J. KELLY, 0729978, is reld fr dy and asgmt with 349th Bomb Sq, andreasgd to Hq Det 100th, as Asst. Sta Bombardier.

8. 1st Lt HOWARD J. KELLY, 0729978, Hq Det 100th, is hereby granted a seven (7) day lv of absence, eff o/a 2 February 1944. (AR 605-115.)

By order of Colonel HARDING:

OFFICIAL:

HORACE L. VARIAN, Jr.
Captain, Air Corps,
Station Adjutant.

HORACE L. VARIAN, Jr.,
Captain, Air Corps,
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HEADQUARTERS
AAF STATION NO. 139
APO 654

Special Orders)
Number.....31)

2 February 44

1. A lv of absence for a period of four (4) days is hereby granted Lt Col GEORGE W. DAUNCEY, Jr., 0281764, Hq Det 100th, eff o/a 2 February 44. (AR 305-115.)
2. Par 3, SO 30, this Hq cs, as reads: "Pfc JOHN (MMI) HALL", is amended to read: "Pfc JOHN W. HALL".

3. CHAP (CAPT) ALOYSIUS M. PHILLIPS, 0428027, Hq Det 100th, is placed on DS for app seven (7) days (exclusive of travel), WP via Rail fr AAF Sta 139 to Down-side Abbey, Near Bath, Wiltshire, for the purpose of attending the Annual Clergy Retreat. CTRS. O will be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses as outlined in Cir #85, Hq ETOUSA 43, while travelling and while at TD Sta where qrs & rats are not furn at a rate not to exceed \$4 per day for qrs and \$1.25 per day for subs. TONT TDN FD 91-5 P 432-02 A 0425-24. (Auth: Ltr Hq ETOUSA 3 Nov 43.)

4. The foll named O & EM, orgns indicated, are placed on DS for app twelve (12) days (exclusive of travel), WP via Rail fr AAF Sta 139 to RAF Anti-Gas Sch, Rollestoe Camp, Salisbury, Wiltshire, RUAT to RAF Linison Officer, not later than 1600 hrs 9 Feb 44, for purpose of attending Short Instructors Course (U.S.).

1st Lt DONALD P. VERNIER	01797391	1276th MP Co (In Charge)
S Sgt Donald F. McGonigal	36519773	Det "A" 869th Cml Co
T 5th Barney (MMI) Bruyn	39254759	Det "A" 869th Cml Co
Sgt Arthur B. Carlisle	32378980	418th Bomb Sq

The above-named EM will be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses as outlined in Cir #85, Hq ETOUSA, 43, while travelling and while at TD Sta where qrs and subs are not furn a/r not to exceed \$2 per day for subs and \$2 per day for qrs, with the exception of delays in the London Area, at which time EM will report to the Casual Center, CBS, 44 Cadogan Place, where government billets and messing facilities will be provided. O will be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses as outlined in Cir #85, Hq ETOUSA, 43, while travelling and while at TD Sta where qrs and rats are not furn a/r not to exceed \$1.25 per day for subs, and \$4 per day for qrs, with the exception of delays in the London Area, at which time O will contact Billeting O, CBS, 5 North Audley Street, who will provide Gov't Billets. Gov't messing facilities are available at Grosvenor House, Upper Grosvonor Street, and 44 Grosvenor Square. TONT TDN FD 91-5 P 432-02 A 0425-24. (AUTH: Ltr Hq 3BD, 24 Jan 44, Subj: RAF Anti-Gas School.)

5. 1st Lt CLAUDE L. HOSFORD, Jr., 0619654, is rel'd fr usgnt and dy with Hq Det 100th, andreasd to 418th Bomb Sq.

6. VOCD 30 Jan 44, ordering "Cpl CHARLES G. GLASSCOCK, 34333838, 351st Bomb Sq, on DS for app two (2) days, WP via GMV o/a 30 Jan 44 fr AAF Sta 139 to RAF Maintenance Unit, Hartle Bury, Worcester, for purpose of carrying out instructions of the CO. CTRS. EM will be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses as outlined in Cir #85, Hq ETOUSA 43, while travelling and while at temp dy sta where qrs and rats are not furn at a rate not to exceed \$2 per day for rats and \$2 per day for qrs. TONT. TDN. FD 91-5 P 432-02 A 0425-24. (Auth: Ltr Hq ETOUSA 3 Nov 43)", is hereby confirmed and made a matter of record. (AR 35-4390.)

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SO 31, Hq AAF Sta 139, APO 634, U.S. Army, 2 February 1944, Cont'd:

7. The foll named EM, orgns indicated, are promoted to gr indicated (Temp), eff this date: (AR 615-5.)

NAME	SERIAL NO:	ORGN:	PROMOTED TO:
S Sgt LOLA D. FLORIDA	58279635	349th B Sq	To Be Tech Sergeant
S Sgt MIYWARD L. LOBB	33253230	349th B Sq	To Be Tech Sergeant
S Sgt JOSEPH L. RAFF	18046352	349th B Sq	To Be Tech Sergeant
S Sgt GEORGE E. TOOMEY, Jr.	16065537	349th B Sq	To Be Tech Sergeant
S Sgt TONY L. VENDUSCO	19050776	349th B Sq	To Be Tech Sergeant
Sgt JUNIOR L. BUCHER	17129018	349th B Sq	To Be Staff Sergeant
Sgt EARL W. RITTER	39168628	349th B Sq	To Be Staff Sergeant
Sgt ALFRED M. HURT	35563949	351st B Sq	To Be Staff Sergeant
Sgt STEVEN M. SZEWELY	20315...	351st B Sq	To Be Staff Sergeant

8. 2nd Lt KENNETH O. PRICE, 0808138, 350th Bomb Sq, is placed on DS for indefinite period, WP via Rail fr AAF Sta 139 o/a 3 Feb 44, to AAF Sta 101, ETOU Central Medical Board, for purpose of undergoing obsn and treatment. CTRs. O will be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses while travelling as outlined in Cir 785, Hq ETOUSA 43, at a rate not to exceed \$4 per day for qrs and \$1.25 per day for rats. TONT. TDW. FD 91-5 P 432-02 20425-24. (RUTH: Ltr Hq ETOUSA 3 Nov 43.)

9. T Sgt TRAFFORD L. CURRY, 18019460, 351st Bomb Sq, is promoted to gr of Master Sergeant (Temp), eff this date. (AR 615-5.)

By order of Colonel HARDING:

OFFICIAL:

Horace L. Varian Jr.
HORACE L. VARIAN, Jr.,
Captain, Air Corps,
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HEADQUARTERS
AAF STATION NO. 139
APO 634

Special Orders)
No.....32)

3 Feb 44

1. 1st Lt IRVING (MMI) LEPORE, 01579935, 28th Sta Comp Sq, is placed on DS for app one (1) day, WP via Rail fr AAF Sta 139 to London England, o/a 3 Feb 44, for purpose of carrying out instructions of the CO. CTRS. O will contact Billeting O, CBS, 5 North Audley Street, who will provide Gov't Billets. Gov't messing facilities are available at Grosvenor House, Upper Grosvenor Street, and 44 Grosvenor Square. TONT. TDN. FD 91-5 P 4/2-02 A 0425-24. (AUTH: Ltr Hq ETOUSA 3 Nov 43.)

2. Pvt CALVIN R. BLAGBURN, 14107914, 1276th MP Co, is trfd fr Military Police to Air Corps.

3. Pvt CALVIN R. BLAGBURN, 14107914 (677), is reld fr dy and asgmt with 1276th MP Co, and is reassgnd to 349th Bomb Sq.

4. Pvt SIDNEY P. ATHERTON, 6910597, /is trfd fr Air Corps to Military Police.

5. Pvt SIDNEY P. ATHERTON, 6910597, (747), is reld fr dy and asgmt with 349th Bomb Sq and reassgnd to 1276th MP Co.

6. F/O MORRIS C. WEST, T-123045, is reld fr dy and asgmt with 349th Bomb Sq and reassgnd to 350th Bomb Sq.

7. 1st Lt VINCENT T. BIONDINO, 02044358, AC, having been asgd this Sta is further asgd to 28th Sta Comp Sq. (AUTH: Par 2 SO 31 Hq 3BD 31-1-44.)

8. T 4th HARRY D. LOBPRIES, 38239685, 1776th Ord Co, is reld fr SD with Mud Control, and reassgnd SD with respective orgn.

9. Extracted. (EM 350th DS 5th GH.)

10. 1st Lt ROBERT M. BURNS, 0564954, is reld fr dy and asgmt with 418th Bomb Sq, and reassgnd to 349th Bomb Sq.

11. UP AR 600-38, the foll named EM, 1276th MP Co are hereby awarded the Good-Conduct Medal:

T 5 BARNEY F. ANDERSON	34506440	Pfc DONALD A. DAVIS	34644023
T 5 JAMES H. ARMSTRONG	33408916	Pfc BLAIR A. GALCZYNSKI	33569218
T 5 JESSE L. APNDTS	35625645	Pfc FRANK J. ZAHRADKA	33552295
T 5 JOHNNY M. MOORE	38269299	Pvt HARRY F. BOSTIC	35649196
Pfc EUGENE M. BROCKETT	39407791		

12. 1st Lt WALTER G. BURKE, 0619747, Hq Det 100th, is reld fr dy with Sta S-3, and reassgnd duty with Station S-1, as Adm Statistical Officer.

13. Par 7, SO 61, this Hq, 10 Aug 43, is rescinded.

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SO 32, HQ AAF STA 139, APO 634, U.S. RAY, 3 February 1944, Cont'd:

14. Pvt JOHN W. EVANS, 39452406, 28th Sta Comp Sq, is placed on DS for app seven (7) days (exclusive of travel), MP via Rail o/a 5 Feb 44 fr AAF Sta 139 to AAF Sta 101, RUAT not later than 1000 hrs 5 Feb 44 to Lt Dubay, Hut 224, for purpose of attending course in personal equipment. CTRS. Bedding and gas mask will be carried. TONT. TDN. FD 91-5 P 432-02 A 0425-24. (AUTH: TWX Hq 3BD F-26-C.)

15. Sgt FAIR C. LAWRENCE, 34502982 (612), having been asgd this sta is further asgd to 351st Bomb Sq. (SO 29 Hq 1st CCRC Gp 29 Jan 44.)

16. The foll named personnel will proceed on TD for app seven (7) days (exclusive of travel) o/a 4 Feb 44, fr AAF Sta 139 to Bournemouth to carry out instructions of the Commanding General, Eighth Air Force, and upon completion of this TD, return to proper station.

350th Bomb Sq:

Ist Lt WILLIAM H. FLETCHER	0798998	2nd Lt RICHARD M. ROPER	0804508
2nd Lt GEORGE A. BROWNING	0685315	2nd Lt HOWARD D. VENZIE	0676983
T Sgt Leo T. Callahan	31120291	S Sgt John J. Seman	33293830
T/Sgt George A. Reid	13104047	S Sgt Pietro J. Giaquinto	32499257
S Sgt David V. Robb, Jr.	33339385	S Sgt Alexander (NMI) Sosik	323530322

Above named Officers will be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses while travelling at a rate not to exceed \$4.00 per day for qrs and \$1.25 per day for rats, with the exception of delays in the London Area, at which time O will contact Billeting O, CBS, 5 North Audley Street, who will provide Gov't Billets. Gov't messing facilities are available at Grosvenor House, Upper Grosvenor Street, and 44 Grosvenor Square. While at temp dy sta O will be furnished an allowance not to exceed \$1.25 per day for subs. TONT. TDN. FD 91-5 P 432-02 A 0425-24.

Above-named EM will be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses while travelling at a rate not to exceed \$2.00 per day for qrs and \$2.00 per day for rats, with the exception of delays in the London Area, at which time EM will report to the Casual Center, CBS, 44 Cadogan Place, where government billets and messing facilities will be provided. While at temp dy sta EM will be furnished an allowance not to exceed \$2.00 per day for subsistence. TONT. TDN. FD 91-5 P 432-02 A 0425-24.

(Authority: Ltr HQ 8AF 22 Nov 43, Subj: Auth for Men Alws at Rest Homes.)

By order of Colonel HARDING:

OFFICIAL:

HORACE L. VARIAN, Jr.
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Station Adjutant.

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HEADQUARTERS
AAF STATION NO. 139
APO 634

Special Orders)
No.....34)

5 Feb 44

1. The foll named EM, orgns indicated, are reld fr andreasgd to SD with Depts as indicated:

GRADE	NAME	SERIAL NO:	ORGN:	RELD SD FR:	REASGD SD TO:
Pvt	GORDYS B. DIERS	19086726	350th B Sq	Transportation	Fuel Instal. sec
Pfc	JOHN (NMI) DEMENTRY	16110234	351st B Sq	Transportation	Fuel Instal. sec
Cpl	JOHN W. WHITE	34197546	28th Comp Sq	Officers Mess	Sq Mail Clerk
Pvt	THOMAS W. CORLETT	35529765	28th Comp Sq	Officers Club	Officers Mess
Pfc	JOHN R. WILLIAMS	39242885	28th Comp Sq	Sq Duty	Officers Club

2. The foll named EM, 1141st QM Co, are awarded the Good-Conduct Medal:
(AR 600-68)

S Sgt LELANI R. SMITH	6238106	Sgt RALPH E. GIES	18000603
Sgt EDMUND S. WAGNER	36323284	Cpl WILLIAM A. RODEN	33407091
Cpl MARTIN M. WRIGHT, JR.	31154666	Pfc EMIL S. GOLA	32185268
Pfc JOSEPH O. UHLMAN	35469921	Pvt WILLIAM R. BURKE	15098747
Pvt ALFRED J. DUMOLIEN	16145112	Pvt DONALD B. SMYERS	36341413
Pvt WADE H. STAPLETON	33225558		

3. S Sgt GEORGE A. RUMP, 13089096 (014), is reld fr dy and asgmt with 1776th Ord S&M Co, andreasgd to 28th Sta Comp Sq.

4. 1st Lt ROBERT M. BURNS, 0564954, is reld fr dy and asgmt with 349th Bomb Sq, andreasgd to 418th Bomb Sq.

5. 1st Lt CLAUDE L. HOSFORD, Jr., 0649654, is reld fr dy and asgmt with 418th Bomb Sq, andreasgd to Hq Det 100th.
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6. A lv of absence for a period of seven (7) days is granted Major WALTER A. HAZELTON, Jr., 0914482, 456th Sub-Depot, eff o/a 7 Feb 44. (AR 605-115.)

7. Major RALPH S. COHEN, 0449523, Hq Det 100th Bomb Gp, is placed on DS for app one (1) day, WP via Rail fr AAF Sta 139 to London England, o/a 6 Feb 44, for purpose of carrying out instructions of the CIO. CTRS. will contact Billeting O, CBS, 5 North Audley Street, who will provide Gov't Billets. Gov't messing facilities are available at Grosvenor House, Upper Grosvenor Street, and 44 Grosvenor Square. TONT. TDN. FD 91-5 P 432-02 & 0425-24. (AUTH: Ltr Hq ETOUSA 3 Nov 43.)

7. 1st Lt JOHN E. SCHWARZ, 0566667, is reld fr dy and asgmt with 351st Bomb Sq, andreasgd to Hq Det 100th Bomb Gp.

8. Par 4, SO 29, this Hq cs, is hereby rescinded.

9. The foll named EM, orgns indicated, are reld fr SD with Transportation andreasgd SD with Refueling Unit, Sub-Depot:

Pfc JOHNNIE B. NORTON	36564754	349th Bomb Sq
Pvt WALTER T. EARL	12063935	418th Bomb Sq

10. Sgt CHARLES W. SCHULTZ, 3634305, 351st Bomb Sq, is reld fr SD with Transportation, andreasgd SD with Sq Engineering.

By order of Colonel HARDING,

HORACE L. VARIAN, Jr.,
Captain, Air Corps,
Station Adjutant.

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2. 1st Lt FRANKLIN S. SEIBERT, 0562013, 350th Bomb Sq, WPR WD fr AAF Sta 139 to London on TD for a period of app one (1) day to carry out instructions of the CO. CTRS.

O will contact Billeting O, CBS, 5 N Audley St., who will provide Govt billets. Govt messing facilities are available at Grosvenor House, Upper Grosvenor St., and 44 Grosvenor Square. TDN. TONT. FD 91-5 P 432-02 A 0425-24. (Auth: Ltr, Hq ETOUSA, 3 Nov 43).

3. The foll named O, 349th Bomb Sq, WPR fr AAF Sta 139 o/a 8 Feb 44 to Stanbridge Earls, on TD for a period of seven (7) days (exclusive of travel) to carry out instructions of the CG. CTRS.

1st Lt ALBERT H. MIKKELSEN	0799430	2nd Lt ROBERT H. SATTLER	0747901
2nd Lt THOMAS A. HOOD	0808060	2nd Lt JOHN W. SLEVEN	0679283

O will be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses while travelling a/r not to exceed \$4 per day for qrs and \$1.25 per day for rats, with the exception of delays in the London area, at which time O will contact Billeting O, CBS, 5 N Audley St., who will provide Govt billets. Govt messing facilities are available at Grosvenor House, Upper Grosvenor St., and 44 Grosvenor Sq. While at TD Sta O will be furn an alws not to exceed \$1.25 per day for increased cost of subs. TDN. TONT. FD 91-5 P 432-02 A 0425-24. (Auth: Ltr, Hq 8AF, 22 Nov 43, Subj: Auth for Mon Alws at Rest Homes).

4. The foll named EM, 349th Bomb Sq, WPR fr AAF Sta 139 o/a 8 Feb 44 to Bournemouth, on TD for a period of seven (7) days(exclusive of travel) to carry out instructions of the CG, CTRS.

T/Sgt HAROLD A. RUNDQUIST	36709519	S/Sgt GEORGE A. BUSH	12123383
S/Sgt ANTHONY J. GRADY	19067588	S/Sgt JAMES R. TUKESBURY	37450468
SS/Sgt LOUIS A. GRAIL	33280095	T/Sgt HAROLD E. BURTON	37456468

EM will be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses while travelling a/r not to exceed \$2 per day for qrs and \$2 per day for rats, with the exception of delays in the London area, at which time EM will report to the Casual Center, CBS, 44 Cadogan Place, where Govt billets and messing facilities will be provided. While at TD Sta EM will be furn and alws not to exceed \$2 per day for subs. TDN. TONT. FD 91-5 P 432-02 A 0425-24. (Auth: Ltr, Hq 8AF, 22 Nov 43, Subj: Auth for Mon Alws at Rest Homes.)

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HEADQUARTERS
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7 February 44

1. Extracted. (Promotions EM 28th Comp Sq.)
2. Extracted. (O 350th DS London.)
3. Extracted. (O 349th Sq DS Stanbridge Earls.)
4. Extracted. (EM 349th DS Bournemouth.)

5. T Sgt James G. Fox, 18110717, 350th Bomb Sq, is placed on LS at AAF Sta 582 for a period of app two (2) weeks, WP via Rail fr AAF Sta 139, RUMT not later than 1600 hrs 13 Feb 44, for purpose of attending Electric Super-charger Regulator Maintenance Course. CTRS. EM will be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses while travelling as outlined in Cir #85, HQ ETOUSA 43, at a rate not to exceed \$2 per day for rats and \$2 per day for qrs, with the exception of delays in the London area, at which time EM will report to the Casual Center, CBS, 44 Cadogan Place, where Gov't billets and messing facilities will be provided. TONT. TDM. FD 91-5 P 432-02 A 0425-24. (AUTH: Ltr Hq 3rd BD, Subj: Asgmt of AC Personnel to Tech Schools.)

6. Cpl Norman E. Smith, 37188691, 350th Bomb Sq, is placed on DS at No. 10 Sch of Tech Tng, RAF Sta Kirklam, Lancashire, for a period of app four (4) weeks, WP via Rail, reporting to Lt Col J. W. Oakes, AAF Liaison O, not later than 1600 hrs 13 Feb 44, for purpose of attending Sperry Turret Maintenance School. CTRS. EM will be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses while travelling as outlined in Cir #85, HQ ETOUSA 43, at a rate not to exceed \$2 per day for rats and \$2 per day for qrs, with the exception of delays in the London Area, at which time EM will report to the Casual Center, CBS, 44 Cadogan Place, where Gov't billets and messing facilities will be provided. TONT. TDM. FD 91-5 P 432-02 A 0425-24. (AUTH: Ltr Hq 3rd BD, Subj: Asgmt of AC Personnel to Tech Schools.)

7. S Sgt Walter A. Arsenault, 39178901, 319th Bomb Sq, is placed on DS at No 10 Sch of Tech Tng, RAF Sta Kirklam, Lancashire, for a period of app four (4) weeks, WP via Rail, reporting to Lt Col J. W. Oakes, AAF Liaison O, not later than 1600 hrs 13 Feb 44, for purpose of attending Bendix Turret Maintenance School. CTRS. EM will be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses while travelling as outlined in Cir #85, HQ ETOUSA 43, at a rate not to exceed \$2 per day for rats and \$2 per day for qrs, with the exception of delays in the London Area, at which time EM will report to the Casual Center, CBS, 44 Cadogan Place, where Gov't billets and messing facilities will be provided. TONT. TDM. FD 91-5 P 432-02 A 0425-24. (AUTH: Ltr Hq 3rd BD, Subj: Asgmt of AC Personnel to Tech Schools.)

8. S Sgt Harold N. Garic, 38171583, 350th Bomb Sq, is promoted to gr of Technical Sergeant (Temp), eff this date. (AR 615-5.)

9. S Sgt Harold E. Below, 16003987, 28th Sta Comp Sq, is red to the gr of Private, for cause, eff this date. (AR 615-5.)

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SO 36, Hq AF Sta 139, AFPO 634, U.S. Army, 7 February 1944, Cont'd:

10. Pfc Arnold (NMI) White, 39460211, 361st Bomb Sq, is placed on DS at No. 21 Sch of Tech Tng, Burtonwood Repair Depot, Burtonwood, Warrington Lancashire, for a period of app two (2) weeks, WP via Rail, RUAT to Sgt E. Stevens, not later than 1600 hrs 13 Feb 44, for purpose of attending B-17 Electrics School. CTRS. EM will be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses while travelling as outlined in Cir #85, Hq ETOUSA 43, at a rate not to exceed \$2 per day for rats and \$2 per day for qrs, with the exception of delays in the London Area, at which time EM will report to the Casual Center, CBS, 44 Cadogan Place, where Gov't billets and messing facilities will be provided. TONT. TDN. FD 91-5 P 432-02 A 0425-24. (AUTH: Ltr Hq 3rd BD, Subj: Asgmt of AC Personnel to Tech Schools.)

11. Pvt Jerold B. Carver, 39831545, 28th Sta Comp Sq, is rel'd fr SD as BOQ Orderly, and reasgd SD with Mud Control.

12. The foll named EM, now on TD this Sta for a period of app sixty (60) days for purpose of receiving radio operator gunnery training, are atchd to 28th Sta Comp Sq for rats, qrs and administration. (Auth: Par 6, SO 34, Hq 3rd Bomb Div, 3 Feb 44.)

Pfc Joe R. Vega (765) 39857953
Pvt Carl N. Gardner (765) 32547469
Pvt Robert L. Peters (756) 14065644

Pfc Robert E. Heie (755) 36186279
Pvt Frank (NMI) Ruffini(755)32419934

13. Par 4, SO 36, this Hq cs, as reads: "S Sgt James R. Tukesbury 37456468" is amended to read: "S Sgt James R. Tukesbury 38189478".

By order of Colonel HARDING:

OFFICIAL:

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HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCE STATION No. 29
A.P.O. 654

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SPECIAL ORDERS)

9 February 1944

NUMBER.....38)

1. Announcement is made of the (temporary) promotion of the following named enlisted-men, 349th Bomb Sq (H) AAF. (Auth: AR 615-5).

Sgt to S/Sgt

JEWELL M. GAUGHT, 37108617 VINCENT P. NEARY 37121064
WALTER E. CHAPMAN, 38141971

Cpl to Sgt

EMMETT F. FILLMAN, 38268347 JOHN D. CALLIHAN 34316772

Pvt to Cpl

RALPH D. DUBOIS, 14084973 GEORGE C. SMITH, 33290752

2. Pvt FRANK G. HUMRICH, 12190700, 350th Bomb Sq, is rel'd fr asgmt and dy the reat and reassg'd to the 28th Sta Compl, and placed on SD to communications for training.

3. The following named enlisted-men having been assigned this station are further assigned to organizations as indicated. (Auth: Par 5, SO#35, Hq 3d Bomb Div, dd 4 Feb 1944).

Pfc James W. Little,	35502391 (685)	418th Bomb Sq
Cpl James G. Fitzgerald,	16074188 (685)	351st Bomb Sq
Cpl John W. Loudenslager,	35339515 (685)	351st Bomb Sq

4. So much Par 3, SO#26, this Hq, cs, as reads: "Capt George F. Erb, 0568050, AC, 349th Bomb Sq," is amended to read: "1st Lt Edwin A. Walten, Jr., 0562278, AC, 349th Bomb Sq."

5. 2nd Lt BURTRAM B. ALLEY, 0750760, 351st Bomb Sq, WP fr AAF Sta 139 o/a 10 Feb 44 to 5th General Hospital, rptng on TD for an indefinite period for obsn and treatment. CTRS.

An Alws of \$1.25 per day for subs and reimbursement for actual and necessary expense for qrs not to exceed \$4 per day is auth while in a travel status, in accordance with ETOUSA Cir #85, '43, QMNT. TDN FD 91-5 P 432-02 A 0425-24. Rail or GMV. (PAC Ltr Hq ETOUSA, 3 Nov 43).

By order of Colonel HARDING:

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Horace L. Varian Jr.
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HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCE STATION NO. 139
A.P.O. 634

SPECIAL ORDERS)

10 February 1944

NUMBER.....39)

1. The foll named EM, 418th Bomb Sq, are promoted to gr of T/Sgt (Temp) eff this date. (AR 615-5.)

S/Sgt Clifton E. Barton, 31248971 S/Sgt Walfred J. Johnson, 37175489

2. The foll named O's, Hq Det, 100th Bomb Gp, are rel'd fr asgmt and dy thereat and reasgd to orgns indicated.

Asgd to 351st Bomb Sq

Asgd to 349th Bomb Sq

1st Lt JACK (NMI) BAUMAN, 0-564764 2nd Lt LYMAN W. SHEETS, 0-579205

3. So much Par 7, SO #36, this Hq, cs, as reads: "S/Sgt Walter A. Arsenault, 39178901," is amended to read: "Sgt Russell H. Norberg, 37281992."

4. The foll named personnel, 350th Bomb Sq, will proceed on TD for app seven (7) days (exclusive of travel) o/a 11 Feb 44, fr AAF Sta 139 to Bournemouth to carry out instructions of the CG, 8AF, and upon completion of this TD, return to proper station.

1st Lt STEWART A. McCLAIN	0-799814	2nd Lt PHILLIP (NMI) NORDKOWITZ	0-663289
2nd Lt JOHN D. McBRIDE	0-681146	2nd Lt HOMER E. GLASCO	0-674753
T/Sgt Samuel H. Kuntz	16074336	T/Sgt Angelo (NMI) Fernandez	32437791
S/Sgt John H. Walters	11094434	S/Sgt William L. Cook	14142048
S/Sgt George (NMI) Knudsen	39388801	S/Sgt Lawrence H. Bennett	35418652

Above named O's will be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses while travelling at a rate not to exceed \$4.00 per day for qrs and \$1.25 per day for rats, with the exception of delays in the London area, at which time O will contact Billeting O, CBS, 5 North Audley Street, who will provide Gov't Billets. Gov't messing facilities are available at Grosvenor House, Upper Grosvenor Street, and 44 Grosvenor Square. While at temp dy sta O will be furnished an allw not to exceed \$1.25 per day for subs. TONT. TDN. FD 91-5 P 432-02 A 0425-24.

Above named EM will be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses while travelling at a rate not to exceed \$2.00 per day for qrs and \$2.00 per day for rats, with the exception of delays in the London Area, at which time EM will report to the Casual Center, CBS, 44 Cadogan Place, where gov't billets and messing facilities will be provided. While at temp dy sta EM will be furnished an allw not to exceed \$2.00 per day for subs. TONT. TDN. FD 9105 P 432-02 A 0425-24.

(Auth: Ltr Hq 8AF 22 Nov 43, Subj: Auth for Mon Alws at Rest Homes.)

By order of Colonel HARDING:

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HEADQUARTERS
AAF STATION NO. 139
APO 634

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11 Feb 44

1. Extracted. (EM 351st Sq DS 5th GH.)
2. Extracted. (O Lv Absence 351st Sq.)
3. Pvt Sistelia G. Maurizzi, 19142363, 28th Sta Comp Sq, is placed on DS for app seven (7) days (exclusive of travel), WP via Rail o/a 14 Feb 44 fr AAF Sta 139 to AAF Sta 101, RUAT not later than 1300 hrs 14 Feb 44 to Lt Dubay, Hut 224, for purpose of attending course in personal equipment. CTRS. Bedding and gas mask will be carried. TONT. TDN. FD 91-5 P 432-02 A 0425-24. (AUTH: TWX Hq 3rd Bomb Div F-271-C.)
4. S Sgt James D. Madden, 6919194, 350th Bomb Sq, is promoted to gr of Technical Sergeant (Temp), eff this date. (AR 615-5.)
5. The foll named EM, 1776th Ord S&M Co, are promoted to gr indicated, eff this date: (AR 615-5.)

TO BE SERGEANT (TEMP)

T 5th Raymond A. Bowman

34197991

TO BE TECHNICIAN 5TH GR

38048032

Pfc Clay (NMI) McComb

6. 2nd Lt Stanley P. Gorski, 0808306, 350th Bomb Sq, is placed on DS for an indefinite period, WP via Rail o/a 12 Feb 44 fr AAF Sta 139 to AAF Sta 101, RUAT Central Medical Board, for purpose of undergoing obsn and treatment. CTRS. O will be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses as outlined in Cir #85, Hq ETOUSA 43, while travelling at a rate not to exceed \$4.00 per day for qrs and \$1.25 per day for rats. TONT. TDN. FD 91-5 P 432-02 A 0425-24. (AUTH: Ltr Hq ETOUSA 3 Nov 43.)

7. Pfc Raymond F. Stringham, 39253872, 869th Cml Co, is placed on DS for an indefinite period, WP via Rail o/a 12 Feb 44, fr AAF Sta 139 to 49th Sta Hospital, for purpose of undergoing obsn and treatment. CTRS. EM will be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses while travelling at a rate not to exceed \$2 per day for rats and \$2 per day for qrs, in accordance with Cir #85, Hq ETOUSA, 43. TONT. TDN. FD 91-5 P 432-02 A 0425-24. (AUTH: Ltr Hq ETOUSA 3 Nov 43.)

8. Pfc Alan (NMI) Sproul, 39122147, 456th Sub-Depot, is reld fr SD with Sub-Depot Engrg andreasd SD with Sta BombsightDept.

9. Pvt Ross H. Breckeen, 18064308, 418th Bomb Sq, is reld fr SD with Sq Orderly Room andreasd SD with Mess.

10. Lt Col George W. Dauncey, Jr., 0281764, Hq 100th Bomb Gr, is placed on DS for app four (4) days, WP via Rail fr AAF Sta 139 to London, England, o/a 12 Feb 44, for purpose of carrying out instructions of the CO. CTRS. O will contact Billeting O, CBS, 5 North Audley Street, who will provide Gov't Billets. Gov't messing facilities are available at Grosvenor House, Upper Grosvenor Street, and 44 Grosvenor Square. TONT. TDN. FD 91-5 P 432-02 A 0425-24. (AUTH: Ltr Hq ETOUSA 3 Nov 43.)

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HEADQUARTERS AAF STATION NO. 139
APO 634 U.S. ARMY 13 FEBRUARY 44

1. 1st Lt CHARLES W. TERRY, 0566890, 349th Bomb Sq, is placed on DS for app one (1) day, WP via Rail fr AAF Sta 139 to Curzon St Cinema London England, RUAT not later than 1500 hrs 17 Feb 44, for purpose of attending monthly P/I meeting. CTRS. O will contact Billeting O, CBS, 5 North Audley St., who will provide Gov't billets. Gov't messing facilities are available at Grosvenor House, Upper Grosvenor St., and 44 Grosvenor Sq. TOWT. FD 91-5 P 432-02 A 0425-24. (AUTH: Ltr Hq 3BD, 12 Feb 44, Subj: London Meeting.)
2. 1st Lt WILLIAM R. HARRISON, 01551864, 1776th Ord Sdn Co, is placed on DS for app one (1) day (exclusive of travel), WP via Rail fr AAF Sta 139 to AAF Sta 537, RUAT not later than 1000 hrs 15 Feb 44 for purpose of attending Enemy Ammunition School. CTRS. Notebooks and pencils will accompany O. O will be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses as outlined in Cir 5-45, Hq ETOUSA 43, while travelling and while at TD Sta at a rate not to exceed \$4 per day for qrs and \$1.25 per day for rts. TOWT. FD 91-5 P 432-02 A 0425-24. (AUTH: TWX Hq 3BD F-396-C 12 Feb 44.)
3. A lv of absence for a period of seven (7) days is granted Capt DANIEL (HMI) RODIN, 01689766, Hq Det 100th, eff o/al4 Feb 44. (IR 605-115.)
4. Par 4, SC +1, this Hq cs, is hereby deleted.

By order of Colonel HARDING:

MALICE L. VANCE, Jr.,
Captain, Air Corps,
Station Adjutant.

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HEADQUARTERS
AAF STATION NO. 139
APO 634

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No.....44)

14 February 44

1. A lv of absence for a period of four (4) days is granted Capt (Chap) GLENN F. TESKA, 0480697, Hq Det 100th Bomb Gp, eff o/a 15 Feb 44. (AR 605-115.)

2. The foll EM, now on TD this Sta for an indefinite period, are atchd to orgns indicated for rats, qrs and adm: (AUTH: Par 16, SO 44, b Hq 3BD 13 Feb 44.) (Atchd fr 493rd Bomb Gp)

ATCHD TO:

Pvt	James M. Turner	(911)	18189970	418th Bomb Squadron
Sgt	Paul E. Maus	(911)	35336492	349th Bomb Squadron
Cpl	Myron R. French	(911)	6430706	350th Bomb Squadron
Sgt	Kenneth E. Kimball	(911)	31147013	350th Bomb Squadron
Cpl	Vernon O. Parman	(911)	15334506	349th Bomb Squadron
Sgt	Ernest D. Mollohan	(911)	35447587	351st Bomb Squadron
Cpl	Ernest D. Fisher	(911)	33344944	351st Bomb Squadron
Sgt	Paul R. Parather	(911)	35356727	418th Bomb Squadron

3. VOCO, 8 Feb 44, ordering "Cpl LeRay O. Wabaunsee, 37496372, 28th Sta Comp Sq on DS for app two (2) days, WP via GMV fr AAF Sta 139 to Luton, for purpose of carrying out instructions of the CO. CTRS. EM will be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses while travelling and while at TD Sta where qrs and rats are not furn at a rate not to exceed \$2 per day for rats and \$2 per day for qrs in accordance with Cir #85 Hq ETOUSA 43. TONT. TDN. FD 91-5 P 432-02 A 0425-24. (AUTH: Ltr Hq ETOUSA 3 Nov 43.)", is hereby confirmed and made a matter of record. (AR 35-4890.)

4. Extracted. (EM Hq 100th & 350th DS London.)

5. Sgt John D. Callihan, 3431672, 349th Bomb Sq, is placed on DS for app two (2) weeks, WP via Rail fr AAF Sta 139 to N., 21 School of Tech Tng, Burtonwood Repair Depot, Great Sankey, Warrington, Lancashire, RUAT not later than 1600 hrs 19 Feb 44 to Sgt E. C. Stevens, for purpose of attending Cyclone R-1820 Engine School. CTRS. Advance PX Rations and mess equip will accompany EM. EM will be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses while travelling at a rate not to exceed \$2 per day for rats and \$2 per day for qrs, in accordance with Cir #85, Hq ETOUSA 43, with the exception of delays in the London Area, at which time EM will report to the Casual Center, CBS, 44 Cadogan Place, where gov't billets and messing facilities will be provided. TONT. TDN. FD 91-5 P 432-02 A 0425-24. (AUTH: Ltr Hq 3rd Bomb Div, File 352. 10 Feb 44, Subj: Asgmt of AC Personnel to Tech Schools.)

6. The foll named EM, 1141st QM Co (Avn), are promoted to gr indicated, eff this date: (AR 615-5.)

T 5th Frank J. O'Keefe	37138911	To Be Sergeant (Temp)
Pfc Loyd G. Sims	35442801	To Be Technician 5th Gr (Temp)

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SO 44 Hq AAF Sta 139, APO 634 U.S. Army, 14 February 1944, Cont'd:

7. Cpl Ralph C. Beavers, 35540810, 28th Sta Comp Sq, is placed on DS for app two (2) weeks, WP via Rail fr AAF Sta 139 to "14 School of Tech Tng, Henlow, Bedfordshire, RUAT not later than 1600 hrs 15 Feb 44 to Adjutant of School, for purpose of attending course in Maintenance of Sandra Lights. CTRS. Orders, notebooks, fatigues and advance PX rations will accompany EM. EM will be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses as outlined in Cir #85, Hq ETOUSA 43, while travelling at a rate not to exceed \$2 per day for rats and \$2 per day for qrs, with the exception of delays in the London Area, at which time EM will report to the Casual Center, CBS, 44 Cadogan Place, where govt billets and messing facilities will be provided. TONT. TDN. FD 91-5 P 432-02 A 0425-24. (Auth: TWX Hq 3rd Bomb Div F-382-C.)

8. Cpl Delbert L. McFadden, 35614429, 28th Sta Comp Sq, is placed on DS for app seven (7) weeks, WP via Rail fr AAF Sta 139 to No 3 Radio School, Compton Bassett, RUAT not later than 1700 hrs 16 Feb 44, for purpose of attending HF D/F Operators Course. CTRS. Gas mask, mess kit and personal equipment will accompany EM. EM will be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses as outlined in Cir #85, Hq ETOUSA 43, while travelling at a rate not to exceed \$2 per day for rats and \$2 per day for qrs, with the exception of delays in the London Area, at which time EM will report to the Casual Center, CBS, 44 Cadogan Place, where govt billets and messing facilities will be provided. TONT. TDN. FD 91-5 P 432-02 A 0425-24. (Auth: TWX Hq 3BD F-439-J 14 Feb 44.)

9. Cpl Angelo J. Tumminia, 32435117, 349th Bomb Sq, is placed on DS for app two (2) weeks, WP via Rail fr AAF Sta 139 to No 7 Radio School South Kensington, RUAT not later than 1500 hrs 16 Feb 44 to Commandant thereof, for purpose of attending course on American Airborne Radio Equipment. CTRS. Gas masks, mess kits and personal equipment will accompany EM. EM will be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses as outlined in Cir #85, Hq ETOUSA 43, while travelling at a rate not to exceed \$2 per day for rats and \$2 per day for qrs, with the exception of delays in the London Area, at which time EM will report to the Casual Center, CBS, 44 Cadogan Place, where govt billets and messing facilities will be provided. TONT. TDN. FD 91-5 P 432-02 A 0425-24. (Auth: TWX Hq 3BD F-439-J 14 Feb 44.)

10. 2ND LT WILLIAM L. HAUSMAN, 01554560, ORD, now on TD at this Sta for an indefinite period, is hereby atchd to 1776th Ord S&M Co for rats qrs. and adm. (Par 24, SO 44, Hq 3BD 13 Feb 44.)

By order of Colonel HARDING:

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HEADQUARTERS
AAF STATION NO. 139
APO 634

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17 Feb 44

1. Extracted. (EM 1276th MP Co DS London.)
 2. Pfc ALEX A. WOLINSKI, 36166578, 351st Bomb Sq, is reld fr SD with Sq Armament andreasd SD to Officers' Mess.
 3. Pvt JUSTUS C. SMITH, 37665533, (945), now on TD this Sta, is atchd to 349th Bomb Sq for rats qrs and dy. (VOCG Hq 3rd Bomb Div 17 Feb 44.)
 4. The foll named EM, 351st Bomb Sq, are promoted to gr of Staff Sergeants (Temp), eff this date: (AR 615-5.)
- Sgt DANIEL J. MADDREA, JR. 33519288 Sgt JAMES M. ROBERTS 18237168
Sgt JOE S. FOLSOM 18219447
5. S Sgt JAMES C. HIGGINBOTHAM, 18125050, 28th Sta Comp Sq, is promoted to gr of Technical Sergeant (Temp), eff this date. (AR 615-5.)
 6. S Sgt NED G. EATON, 31059050, 418th Bomb Sq, is promoted to gr of Technical Sergeant (Temp), eff this date. (AR 615-5.)
 7. The foll named EM, 350th Bomb Sq, are reld fr andreasd to SD with Departments as indicated:

NAME	SERIAL NO:	RELD FR:	REASGD SD TO:
Pfc OSCAR N. LEGG	35447534	Combat Mess	Refueling Unit Sec
Pvt GORDYS B. DIERS	19086726	Refueling Unit	Transportation
Pvt THEODORE (NMI) SZELEWSKI-12130677		Combat Mess	Engineering
Pvt LEONARD (NMI) SCHLOSSBERG-12181464		Communications	Combat Mess

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HEADQUARTERS AAF STATION NO. 139
APO 634 U.S. ARMY 18 February 44

1. Lt Col GEORGE W. DAUNCEY, Jr., 0281764, Hq 100th Bomb Gp, is hereby apptd to investigate and report upon the circumstances connected with the death of Cpl. Full named EM, 351st Bomb Sq, (Auth: Sec 4, AR 600-550.)

S Sgt RALPH H. BUCHANAN	33205405	DATE OF ACCIDENTS:
Cpl VERNON L. GAFFRON	36243384	2 Feb 44
		16 Jan 44

2. T Sgt RICHARD D. HAWKINS, 12040698, 350th Bomb Sq, is placed on DS for app two (2) days, WP via Rail fr AAF Sta 139 to 7 Grosvenor Square, London, W1, RUAT not later than 1000 hrs 22 Feb 44, for purpose of appearing before Avn Cadet Examining Board. CTRS. EM will report to the Casual Center, CBS, 44 Cadogan Pl, where govt billets and messing facilities will be provided. TOINT. TDN. FD 91-5 P 432-02 A 0425-24. (Auth: Ltr Hq 8AF, Subj: Successful Avn Cadet Applicants, 12 Feb 44.)

3. Sgt HARRY H. GREENFIELD, 13094700, 418th Bomb Sq, is promoted to gr of Staff Sergeant (Temp), eff this date: (AR 615-5).

4. S Sgt ERNEST B. CLARK, 38128395, 349th Bomb Sq, is promoted to gr of Technical Sergeant (Temp), eff this date. (AR 615-5.)

5. A lv of absence for a period of seven (7) days is granted Capt HARRY H. CROSBY, 0731272, Hq Det 100th, eff o/a 20 Feb 44. (AR 605-115.)

6. The foll named EM, now on TD this Sta, are atchd to Sq indicated for rats qrs and dy. (Auth: Par 9 SO 46 Hq 3rd Bomb Div, 15 Feb 44.)

ATCHD TO:

S Sgt JOHN T. SEABROOK, 33116795	349th Bomb Sq
Sgt WINGATE M. BLUSER, 14123-39	418th Bomb Sq
Cpl ISADORE (MHI) SMITH, 32414161	418th Bomb Sq
Pfc JACOB N. BROWNSTEIN, 13081840	349th Bomb Sq

7. 2nd Lt KENNETH W. THORPE, 01586973, 1141st QM Co, is apptd Station Salvage Officer, vice 2nd Lt WALLACE S. MOORE, 01590673, reld.

8. The foll named Officers, 351st Bomb Sq, are reld fr dy and asgmt therat and reasgd to 350th Bomb Squadron:

Capt MAGEE C. FULLER	01699243
2nd Lt ALBERT A. MARCHIONDO	0741306

9. The foll named personnel, 350th Bomb Sq, WP on TD for app seven (7) days (exclusive of travel) o/a 19 Feb 44, fr AAF Sta 139 to Bournemouth for the purpose of carrying out instructions of the CG, 8AF, and upon completion of this TD, return to proper station.

1st Lt MERK (MHI) COPE	0678176	2nd Lt MARTIN (MHI) TASHJIAN 0745763
2nd Lt FESTUS E. BRYANT	0682143	2nd Lt HERBERT G. PRYOR 0.39115
T Sgt John (MHI) Verbovski	32467049	S Sgt Richard E. Donnelly 1210610
T Sgt John C. Eling	15339632	S Sgt Donald E. Walker 15339638
S Sgt Raymond A. Bryan	39117105	S Sgt James E. Morrison 54287763

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Par 9, SO 48, Hq AAF Station No. 139, APO 634, U.S. Army, 18 February 1944, Cont'd.

Above-named O's will be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses while travelling at a rate not to exceed \$4.00 per day for qrs and \$1.25 per day for rats, with the exception of delays in the London area, at which time O will contact Billing O, CBS, 5 North Audley Street, who will provide Gov't Billets. Gov't messing facilities are available at Grosvenor House, Upper Grosvenor Street, and 44 Grosvenor Square. Whilst temp dy sta O will be furnished an allowance not to exceed \$1.25 per day for subs. TONT. TDN. FD 91-5 P 432-02 A 0425-24.

Above-named EM will be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses while travelling at a rate not to exceed \$2.00 per day for qrs and \$2.00 per day for rats, with the exception of delays in the London Area, at which time EM will report to the Casual Center, CBS, 44 Cadogan Place, where gov't billets and messing facilities will be provided. While at temp dy sta EM will be furnished an allowance not to exceed \$2.00 per day for subs. TONT. TDN. FD 91-5 P 432-02 A 0425-24.

(Authority: Ltr Hq 8AF 22 Nov 43, Subj: Auth for Mon Allow at Rest Homes.)

By order of Colonel HARDING:

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HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCE STATION NO. 139
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19 Feb 44

1. The foll named personnel, having been asgd this Sta, are further asgd to 418th Bomb Sq. (Auth: Par 2, SO 24, Hq AAF Sta 463, 17 Feb 44.)

2nd Lt ELMER E. FERBRACHE 0742074(P)	2nd Lt BERTON (NMI) HUFSEY 0811724(N)
2nd Lt DAVID N. HEGGE 0754957(B)	2nd Lt ANTHONY D. SLATINSKY 0747908(CP)
S Sgt John P. Lucarelli 32591196(757)	S Sgt Harold H. Patterson 38078028(748)
Sgt William T. Behr 12180239(748)	Sgt Clifford H. Leming 13153960(748)
Sgt Benjamin J. Devine 20249520(612)	Sgt Howard O. Williams 39127540(611)

2. The foll named personnel, 350th Bomb Sq, WP on TD for app seven (7) days (exclusive of travel) o/a 20 Feb 44, fr AAF Sta 139 to Bournemouth for the purpose of carrying out instructions of the CG, 8AF, and upon completion of this TD, return to proper station.

2nd Lt WESLEY (NMI) LUNDHCLM 0750807 T Sgt Maurice V. Anderson 16131111

O will be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses while travelling at a rate not to exceed \$4 per day for qrs and \$1.25 per day for rats, with the exception of delays in the London area, at which time O will contact Billeting O, CBS, 5 North Audley Street, who will provide Gov't Billets. Gov't messing facilities are available at Grosvenor House, Upper Grosvenor Street, and 44 Grosvenor Square. While at temp dy sta O will be furnished an allowance not to exceed \$1.25 per day for subs. EM will be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses while travelling at a rate not to exceed \$2 per day for qrs and \$2 per day for rats, with the exception of delays in the London area, at which time EM will report to the Casual Center, CBS, 44 Cadogan Place, where gov't billets and messing facilities will be provided. While at temp dy sta EM will be furnished an allowance not to exceed \$2 per day for subs. TONT. TDN. FD 91-5 P 432-02 A 0425-24. (Auth: Ltr Hq 8AF 22 Nov. 43, Subj: Auth for Mon Alws at Rest Homes.)

3. The foll named EM, orgns indicated, are promoted to gr indicated (Temp) off this date: (AR 615-5.)

NAME	SERIAL NO:	ORGN:	PROMOTED TO:
S Sgt CHARLES K. BAILEY	38152388	350th Bomb Sq	Technical Sergeant
S Sgt WILLIAM M. QUINN	6391477	350th Bomb Sq	Technical Sergeant
S Sgt CHARLES H. THOMPSON	6269712	350th Bomb Sq	Technical Sergeant
S Sgt J. C. (IO) MALE	34283627	350th Bomb Sq	Technical Sergeant
Sgt JOHN J. BARRY	31123428	350th Bomb Sq	Staff Sergeant
Sgt KNUTE (NMI) KNUDSON	18150035	350th Bomb Sq	Staff Sergeant
Cpl LOWELL W. EYER	19100439	350th Bomb Sq	Sergeant
Cpl DONALD E. HERMANN	37127485	350th Bomb Sq	Sergeant
Cpl HAROLD M. VINSON	18137173	Hq Det 100th	Sergeant
Pfc DENNIS (NMI) POLVER	36539220	350th Bomb Sq	Corporal
Pfc LEROY E. WOLF	35663498	350th Bomb Sq	Corporal
Pfc JULIUS (NMI) CARLSON	16149916	350th Bomb Sq	Corporal
Pfc ROGER L. SORTEVIK	11053376	350th Bomb Sq	Corporal

4. The foll named EM, orgns indicated, are trfd to Dot of Pnts, 231st Sta Hospital, APO 551, U.S. Army. No travel involved. Individual clothing and equipment will be shipped to EM. 91-5 P 431-C3 A 0425-24. (Auth: Par 1c, Adm Cir #37, SOS, ETOUSA, 22 June 43.)

Pvt WARREN J. HARRIS 37456916 350th Bomb Sq
Cpl WILLIAM R. PAWVER 37124509 351st Bomb Sq

By order of Colonel HARDING:

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1. Extracted.

2. 2nd Lt GORDON H. PETERSON, 0736386, 418th Bomb Sq, is trfd to Det of Pnts, 231st Sta Hospital, APO 551, US Army. No travel Involved. Individual clothing and equipment will be shipped to O. 91-5 P 431-03 A 0425-24. (Auth: Par 1c, Adm Cir #37, SOS, ETOUSA, 22 June 43.)

3. A Classification Board is aptd at this Sta for the purpose of reviewing the cases of EM properly brought before it.

1st Lt CLAUDE L. HOSFORD, Jr., 0649654 (Personnel O)	
WOJG RALPH L. DELONG	W-2121711 (Classification O)
Capt GEORGE F. ERB	0563050
Capt ROBERT H. TIENKEN	0562206
Capt THOMAS A. TOOMEY, Jr.	0562220

(Auth: Ltr Hq USAAFUK, dd 10 Dec 43, subj: Station Classification Boards for Enlisted Men, file 220.01)

4. S Sgt MAX RUSS, 18058846, 349th Bomb Sq, is placed on DS for app two (2) days, WP via Rail fr AAF Sta 139 to 7 Grosvenor Square, London, W1, RU/T not later than 0830 hrs, 26 Feb 44, for purpose of appearing before Avn Cadet Examining Board. CTRS. EM will report to the Casual Center, CBS, 44 Cadogan Pl, where govt billets and messing facilities will be provided. TONT. TDN. FD 91-5 P 432-02 A 0425-24. (Auth: Ltr Hq 8AF, Subj: Application for Appointment as Avn Cadet, dd 15 Feb 44.)

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2. The foll named O & EM, 349th Bomb Sq, WP on TD for app seven (7) days, exclusive of travel, o/a 21 Feb 44 fr AAF Sta 139 to Bournemouth for the purpose of COCG. CTRS.

1st Lt ROBERT H. LOHOF,	0533023	1st Lt ROBERT L. PHILLIPS, Jr.	0743495
1st Lt WILLIAM E. VADEN,	0736818	1st Lt PAUL T. DAVIS,	0670034
T/Sgt GUY L. BROWN	36516549	T/Sgt SIDNEY A. GOLDENBERG,	12135177
S/Sgt RICHARD L. DAVID,	15320263	S/Sgt VERN R. LINES,	39531989
S/Sgt JAMES M. BUTLER,	12146229	S/Sgt GEORGE W. BRIGGS,	39193615

Above-named O's will be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses while travelling at a rate not to exceed \$4 per day for qrs and \$1.25 per day for rats, with the exception of delays in the London Area, at which time O's will contact Billeting O, CBS, 5 North Dudley Street, who will provide Gov't Billets. Gov't messing facilities are available at Grosvenor House, Upper Grosvenor Street, and 44 Grosvenor Square. While at temp dy sta O will be furnished an allowance not to exceed \$1.25 per day for subs. TONT. TDN. FD 91-5 P 432-02 A 0425-24.

Above-named EM will be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses while travelling at a rate not to exceed \$2 per day for qrs and \$2 per day for rats, with the exception of delays in the London Area, at which time EM will report to the Casual Center, CBS, 44 Erdogan Pl, where gov't billets and messing facilities will be provided. While at temp dy sta EM will be furnished an allowance not to exceed \$2 per day for subs. TONT. TDN. FD 91-5 P 432-02 A 0425-24.

(Auth: Ltr Hq 8AF 22 Nov 43, Subj: Auth for Mon Alws Rest Homes.)

3. Cpl PHILLIP (NM) HANDLER, 36505881, 351st Bomb Sq, is placed on DS for app seven (7) days (exclusive of travel), WP via Rail o/a 23 Feb 44 fr AAF Sta 139 to AAF Sta 101, RUWT not later than 1600 hrs 23 Feb 44 to Lt Dubay, Hut 228, for purpose of attending course in personal equipment. CTRS. Bedding and gas mask will be carried. TONT. TDN. FD 91-5 P 432-02 A 0425-24. (Auth: Ltr 352., Hq 3rd Bomb Div 16 Feb 44.)

By order of Colonel HARDING:

HORACE L. VARIAN, Jr.,
Captain, Air Corps,
Station Adjutant.

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HEADQUARTERS AAF STA NO 139
APO 634 US Army 21 Feb 44

1. Extracted. (O Hq Det 100th DS 2nd GH.)
2. Extracted. (Crew 349th DS Bournemouth.)
3. Extracted. (EM 351st DS Sta 101.)
4. The foll named O & EM, having reported this Sta, are asgd to orgns indicated, & will report to CO thereof for dy. (VOCG 3rd BD 20 Feb 44.)

350TH BOMB SQ:

2nd Lt HALOCY, FRANCIS J.	0737173
2nd Lt GUIDA, RALPH W.	0688527
2nd Lt BAILIE, ROBERT W.	0755497
2nd Lt MAUVAINS, CHARLES H.	0692048
S Sgt PERRY, ARTHUR J.	33225455
Sgt GENOVESE, LORENZO (MMI)	31187950
Sgt MILLER, WILLARD H.	37660754
Sgt PARDEE, NELSON A.	12173949
Sgt YEAGER, LEONARD W.	12208616
Pfc BARRIE, ROBERT C.	15170504

418TH BOMB SQ:

2nd Lt SMOLENS, BERNARD J.	0747681
2nd Lt DAVIDSON, GEORGE W.	0751726
2nd Lt BARTON, SHERWIN L.	0746275
2nd Lt BURCH, JOHN L.	0691762
Sgt MORRIS, PAUL H.	37233555
Sgt POWELL, JAMES W.	6964023
S Sgt MOORE, HARVEY A.	38319790
Pvt TAYLOR, ROBERT J.	12168636
Sgt FOLDY, FRANK J.	11045097
S Sgt ROBINS, JACK H.	16170690

349TH BOMB SQ:

2nd Lt ADAMS, CHARLES E.	0755492
2nd Lt KROENKE, RALPH A.	0688708
Sgt ROHASEK, DONALD M.	16149982
S Sgt McLULIFFE, JOHN W.	32280729
Sgt DAVIS, CECIL G.	39555544

2nd Lt WILSON, MARK V., JR.	0741498
2nd Lt JOHNSON, JOHN T.	0691762
Sgt MORELAND, WILLIAM E.	39021182
Sgt SWEENEY, EUGENE V.	12190208
Sgt DONAHUE, GEORGE B.,JR.	11101799

5. 1st Lt FRANCIS J. KING, 0565854, 28th Sta Comp Sq, is rel'd fr dy and asgmt thorcat, andreasd to 351st Bomb Sq.

6. Cpl JOHN (MMI) LAMARTINE, 32453325, 350th Bomb Sq, is trfd in gr to Det of Pnts, 307th Sta Hosp, rptng to CO thereof for dy. No travcl involved. (PAC Adm Cir #37, Hq ETOUSA, SOS, dd 22 June 43.)

7. Pfc VINCENT J. HITES, 31327150 (687), having been asgd this sta is further asgd to 350th Bomb Sq. (Par 5, SO 51 Hq 3rd Bomb Div 20 Feb 44.)

8. S Sgt JOSEPH J. FLYNN, 32308377, 349th Bomb Sq, is red to the gr of Private, for cause, eff this date. (AR 615-5.)

9. Pvt THOMAS L. PARISH, 18166058 (256), having been asgd this sta is further asgd to 350th Bomb Sq. (Par 3, SO 40, Hq Ninth AF, 9 Feb 44.)

10. Pfc WILLIAM J. ACTON, 37215837, 1776th Ord S&M Co, is promoted to the gr of Corporal (Temp), eff this date. (AR 615-5.)

11. Cpl WILLIAM J. ACTON, 37215837, 1776th Ord S&M Co, is trfd fr Ord to Air Corps. (AR 615-200.)

12. Cpl EDWARD J. REIMEKER, 33204342, 349th Bomb Sq, is rel'd fr SD with Chemical Warfare, andreasd SD with Sq armament.

13. S Sgt HUGH S. WARD, 14151273, 350th Bomb Sq, is rel'd fr Sq SD, andreasd SD with Communications.

14. A lv of absence for a period of seven (7) days is granted Capt JOHN G. LASH, 0856077, 418th Bomb Sq, eff o/a 23 Feb 44. (AR 605-115.)

15. S Sgt RICHARD D. PEARSON, 17156298, 349th Bomb Sq, is promoted to gr of Technical Sergeant (Temp), eff this date. (AR 615-5.)

By order of Colonel HARDING:

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HQ AAF STA 139
APO 634 US Army 22 Feb 44

1. A lv of absence for a period of seven (7) days is granted 1st Lt ROBERT W. BEREITER, 01550320, 418th Bomb Sq, eff o/a 23 Feb 44. (AR 605-115.)
2. Tec 5 JOSEPH C. MORAN, 13078923, now on TD this sta for app 60 days for purpose of attending Comm Sch, is atched to 28th Sta Comp Sq for rats, qrs and adm. (Auth: Par 10, SO 52, Hq 3rd Bomb Div 21 Feb 44.)
3. Cpl WILLIAM J. ACTON, 37215837, 1776th Ord Svc Co, is relld fr dy and asgmt thereat, and reasgd to 28th Sta Comp Sq.
4. The foll named O and EM, having been asgd this sta, are further asgd to orgns indicated, and will report to CO thereof for dy. (Auth: Par 2, SO 51 Tq 1st CCRC Gp, AAF Sta 112, APO 634, 20 Feb 44.)

CREW D-91

418th BOMB SQ:

2ND LT NYLIUS, CHARLES W.JR.	0804492 (P)	2ND LT HIGH, NORMAN T.	0755044 (B)
2ND LT GALLIGAN, CHARLES J.	0809325 (N)	Sgt McSpadden, Charles E.	38088079 (748)
Sgt Russell, James R.	14156620 (748)	S Sgt Fern, Herbert D.	12155363 (612)
Sgt Brown, Carleton E.	12034997 (612)	S Sgt Wood, Vincent J.	32690478 (757)
Pvt Sullivan, Edmond J.	31266926 (612)		

CREW D-93

418th BOMB SQ:

2ND LT KENDALL, ZEB (EMI)	0745111 (P)	2ND LT LOUCHRAY, EDWIN J.	0693691 (CP)
2ND LT THORPE, WILLIAM R.	0812009 (N)	2ND LT GOVETT, CLIFFORD L.	0755012 (B)
Sgt Hickman, Melvin J.	35474083 (748)	Sgt Bridges, Raymond L.	38305984 (748)
S Sgt Tutor, Leman E.	18122364 (757)	Sgt Aguila, Reginaldo (EMI)	18232557 (748)
Sgt Stoffregen, Victor (EMI)	15089454 (612)	S Sgt Aven, Matthew G.Jr.	38473776 (612)

CREW D-94

350TH BOMB SQ:

2ND LT HARPER, CELESTA B.	0677266 (P)	2ND LT FLANNIGAN, ROBERT S.	0692958 (CP)
2ND LT HARDIKIN, CHARLES T.	0811605 (N)	2ND LT COX, ARTHUR E.	0746988 (B)
Sgt Luquet, Clarence P.	38199591 (748)	Sgt Bowers, John B.	15333254 (748)
S Sgt James, Alvin E.	39558737 (757)	Sgt Frank, Anderson R.Jr.	38426782 (748)
Sgt Curlee, Justin P.	38283741 (611)	Sgt Dobbs, Wiley L.	32711226 (612)

5. UP Par 4, AR 35-1100, the foll named Officers, 869th Cml Co, are detailed to verify cash in the hands of the accountable disbursing O, this Sta, as of 25 Feb 44.

1st Lt MYRON A. TERHUNE 01036405 1st Lt JOHN C. VAN ALLEN 01036775

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REGISTRATION
SO 52, Hq AF Station No. 139, APO 654, U.S. Army, 22 Feb 44, Cont'd:

6. PAC par 26, AR 210-65, Capt GEORGE F. ERB, 0568050, 349th Bomb Sq, is apptd auditing O to audit the accts of P Ex for the mo of February 1944. Date of audit will be the close of business Tuesday, Feb 28, '44.

7. IC Par 24, AR 210-65, the foll named Officers, 349th Bomb Sq, will inventory PX during the evening of 29 Feb '44:

Capt GEORGE F. ERB 0568050 1st Lt DAVID S. CURRIE, Jr. 0462377

8. Pvt JOSEPH R. JOHNSON, 36415077, 216th Fin Sec, is promoted to gr of Private First Class (Temp), eff this date. (AR 615-5.)

9. Sgt ERMIN J. EILENBECK, 36239590, 456th Sub-Depot (Cl 1), is plac'd on DS for app seven (7) days, MP via CIV o/a 22 Feb 44, fr AF Sta 139 to 1st Strategic Air Depot, for purpose of attending course of instruction on Airplane Propellers. CTRS.. TONT. TDN. (Auth: Ltr Hq ETOUSA 3 Nov 43.)

10. S Sgt ROBERT H. CLODOALD, 20107393, having been asgd this sta is further asgd to 23th Sta Comp Sq, and placed on SD with Sta Armory Dept. (Auth: Par 3, SO 47, Hq 27th ATG, 18 Feb 44.)

11. S Sgt JOHNNIE D. BENNETT, 7041393, 23th Sta Comp Sq, is rel'd fr SD with Link Trainer Dept, and reasgd to Special Services.

12. Sgt RICHARD W. ENGHARTH, 32407482, 23th Sta Comp Sq, is rel'd fr SD with Special Services and reasgd SD with Sta Transportation.

By order of Colonel HARDING:

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HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCE STATION NO. 139
APO 634Special Orders)
No.....53)

24 Feb 44

1. VOCC on 17 Feb 44, "2nd Lt ARTHUR W. GIBBONS, 02045002, AC, having been asgd this Sta, is further asgd to 349th Bomb Sq", is hereby confirmed and made a matter of record. (Auth: Par 24, SO 47, Hq 3d Bomb Div, 16 Feb 44.)

2. A lv of absence for a period of seven (7) days is granted Capt JAMES R. DOUGLASS, 0731365, Hq Det 100th Bomb Gp, eff o/a 26 Feb 44. (AR 605-115.)

3. Capt NORMAN J. DAHN, 0480804, DC, having been asgd this Sta is further asgd to Hq Det 100th Bomb Gp. (Auth: VOOG Hq 3rd Bomb Div 23 Feb 44.)

4. Sgt JOHN T. COMSTOCK, 34059465, 351st Bomb Sq; is red to the gr of Private, for cause, eff this date. (Auth: AR 615-5.)

5. Sgt ROBERT M. MYERS, 35443048, 351st Bomb Sq, is promoted to gr of Staff Sergeant (Temp), eff this date. (Auth: AR 615-5.)

6. The foll named EM, 456th Sub-Depot (Cl 1), are promoted to gr indicated (Temp), eff this date. (Auth: AR 615-5.)

	To Be Staff Sergeant		
Sgt RAYMOND A. ENGESSION	12095173	Sgt ROBERT G. KEYES	18110758
	To Be Sergeant		
Cpl LYLE F. CAMMERER	38149860	Cpl GENE C. CLARK	37157834
Cpl THOMAS E. HEADLEE, JR.	19113536	Cpl HAROLD L. JACOBSON	37178234

7. Capt WALTER R. GUTCHINSON, 0912040, now on TD this Sta, is hereby atchd to Hq Det 100th for rats, qrs and dy. (Auth: VOOG Hq 3rd BD 22 Feb 44.)

8. S Sgt WENDYL (NMI) SOWL, 15086024, 349th Bomb Sq, is placed on DS for an indefinite period, WP via Rail fr AAF Sta 139 to 5th General Hospital, o/a 24 Feb 44, for purpose of undergoing obsn and treatment. CTRS. EM will be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses while travelling as outlined in Cir #85, Hq ETOUSA, 43, at a rate not to exceed \$2 per day for rats and \$2 per day for qrs, with the exception of delays in the London Area, at which time EM will report to the Casual Center, CBS, 44 Cadogan Pl, where govt billets and messing facilities will be provided. TONT. TDN. FD 91-5 P 432-02 A 0425-24. (AUTH: Ltr Hq ETOUSA 3 Nov 43.)

9. Pvt EDWARD J. McCRICKET, 16069180, 28th Sta Comp Sq, is trfd in gr to Det of Pnts, 231st Sta Hosp, rptng to CO thereof for dy. No travol involved. (PAC Adm Cir #37, Hq ETOUSA, SOS, 22 June 43.)

10. Par 10, SO 52, this Hq os, as reads: "S Sgt ROBERT H. CLODOALD", is amended to read: "S Sgt CLODOALD H. ROBERT".

11. The foll named EM, having been asgd this sta, are further asgd to orgns indicated, and will report to CO thereat for dy: (Auth: Par 1, SO 46, Sec I, Hq Eighth AFRD, 15 Feb 44.)

351st Bomb Sq,			
Pfc FRANK J. ALBERTI	(521) 12121625	Pfc LOUIS G. LASKER	(521) 32889455
Pfc BILLY M. KIMMEL	(521) 36669443	Pvt CHESTER R. LEE	(521) 39334482
Pvt WILLIAM (NMI) WILLIAMSON	(521) 35659936	Pfc ELTON L. KELLER	(521) 39839341
28th Sta Compl Sq:			
Pvt RICHARD C. KIRK	(521) 32759790	Pvt GLENN B. LAU	(521) 13123075
Pvt GEORGE W. LIENESCH (521) 17133515			

12. The foll named O & EM, having been asgd this station, are further asgd to orgns indicated, and will report to CO's thereat for dy. (Auth: Par 1, SO 52, Hq 1st CCRC Gp, AAF Sta 112, APO 634, 21 Feb 44.)

349TH BOMB SQ:			
2ND LT KOPER, ROBERT C.	0804460 (P)	2ND LT LIEN, GORDON C.	0755584 (C)
2ND LT WING, GEORGE H.	0692122 (N)	2ND LT DRINKWATER, THOMAS O.	0682086 (C)
Sgt Corea, Charles P.	32144952 (748)	Sgt Frankel, Arthur (NMI)	12191373 (C)
Pvt Rodkey, Weston H.	33255613 (757)	Sgt Luquette, Charles J.	18226230 (C)
Sgt Sundin, Bernard (NMI)	39202524 (612)	Sgt Zarzecki, Ralph V.	33425880 (C)

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Par 12, SO 53, Hq AAF Station No. 139, APO 634 US Army, 24 Feb 44, Cont'd;

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350TH BOMB SQ:			
2ND LT CHADWICK, RANDALL T.	0802652 (P)	2ND LT FITZROY, WILLIAM T.	0755538 (
2ND LT LONGENECKER, JACK E.	0691770 (N)	2ND LT CARTY, JOSEPH A.	0682063 (
S Sgt Good, John J.	31002564 (748)	Sgt Troetschel, Philip K.	13131829 (
S Sgt Postel, Edwin E.	37493571 (757)	Sgt Bruns, Delbert J. H.	37493003 (
Sgt Benedict, George A.	16032463 (612)	Sgt Roberts, Austin B.	19014269 (e

CREW L-7

350TH BOMB SQ:			
2ND LT GIBBONS, JOHN P.	0803182 (P)	2ND LT DYKEMAN, ROBERT (MMI)	0755534 (
2ND LT JOHNSON, EVERETT M.	0691761 (N)	Pvt Walker, Edward (MMI) Jr.	19114608 (
S Sgt Arnold, Ira L.	38338409 (748)	Sgt Buschmeier, Frank W.	35683437 (
Sgt Ettus, Myron J.	12127423 (612)	Sgt Spragg, Bernard L.	33301833 (
Sgt Bunting, Archie W.	13190381 (748)		

13. Extracted. (O 361st DS 3rd BD.)

14. 2nd Lt WARREN G. MC COY, 0693799, having been asgd this sta is further asgd to 418th Bomb Sq. (Auth: Par 3, SO 53, Hq 1st CCRC Gp 22 Feb 44.)

15. Cpl EDMOND S. MOKARRY, 32495634, 349th Bomb Sq, is promoted to gr of Sergeant (Temp), eff this date. (Auth: AR 615-5.)

16. S Sgt BYRON L. SMITH, 14022863, 28 Compl Sq., is promoted to gr of Technical Sergeant (Temp), eff 25 Feb 44. (Auth: AR 615-5.)

By order of Colonel HARDING:

GEORGE F. ERB,
Captain, Air Corps,
Acting Adjutant.

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Acting Adjutant.

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HEADQUARTERS
AAF STATION NO. 159
APO 634

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Special Orders)
No.....54)

25 Feb 44

1. A lv of absence for a period of seven (7) days is granted to 1st Lt MANSSELL W. RAMSEY, 0566479, 418th Bomb Sq, off o/a 26 Feb 44. (AR 605-115.)
2. The foll named EM, orgns indicated, are placed on DS for app three (3) days, WP via G&V o/a 25 Feb 44 fr AAF Sta 159 to Ordnance Depot O-640, for purpose of carrying out instructions of the CO. CTRS.

Cpl JAMES F. KRIEDE 35009707 28th Sta Corp Sq
Pfc AARON E. ROZIER 34855764 350th Bomb Sq

Above-named EM will be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses as outlined in Cir #85, Hq ETOUSA, 43, while travelling and while at temp dy sta where qrs and rats are not furn at a rate not to exceed \$2 per day for rats and \$2 per day for qrs. TONT. TDN. FD 91-5 P 432-02 A 0425-24. (Auth: Ltr Hq ETOUSA 3 Nov 43.)

3. Par 4, SO 53, this Hq cs, as reads: "Sgt JOHN T. CONSTOCK", is amended to read: "M Sgt JOHN T. CONSTOCK".

4. S Sgt CHARLES R. ARMBRUST, 13089394, 349th Bomb Sq, is placed on DS for an indefinite period, WP via Rail fr AAF Sta 159 to 5th General Hospital, o/a 26 Feb 44, for purpose of undergoing obsn and treatment. CTRS. EM will be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses while travelling as outlined in Cir #85, Hq ETOUSA, 43, at a rate not to exceed \$2 per day for rats and \$2 per day for qrs, with the exception of delays in the London area, at which time EM will report to the Casual Center, C S, 44 Cadogan Pl, where govt billets and messing facilities will be provided. TONT. TDN. FD 91-5 P 432-02 A 0425-24. (AUTH: Ltr Hq ETOUSA 3 Nov 43.)

5. Sgt HAROLD L. JACOBSON, 37178234, 456th Sub-Depot (Cl 1), is placed on DS for app two (2) days, WP via Rail fr AAF Sta 159 to 7 Grosvenor Square, London, W1, RUAT not later than 29 Feb 44, 1000 hrs, for purpose of appearing before Avn Cadet Examining Board. CTRS. EM will report to the Casual Center, CBS, 44 Cadogan Pl, where govt billets and messing facilities will be provided. TONT. TDN. FD 91-5 P 432-02 A 0425-24. (AUTH: Ltr Hq ETOUSA 3 Nov 43.)

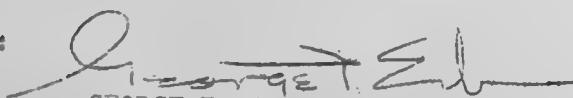
6. Pfc JOSEPH W. HEITZER, 33300837 (678), 351st Bomb Sq, is held fr dy and asgmt thereat and reassgnd to 418th Bomb Sq.

7. Pvt ANGELO J. GENOVESE, 32436039, (747), is held fr dy and asgmt with 351st Bomb Sq and reassgnd to 350th Bomb Sq.

By order of Colonel HARDING:

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HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCE STATION No. 139
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C-D-23

Special Orders)
Number 55)

26 February 1944

1. The foll named O & EM, having been asgd this sta per competent auth are further asgd to the 418th Bomb Sq, and will report to the CO thereof for dy. (Par 16, SO#48, Hq 15AF, 9 Feb 44 & VOCG, 3d Bomb Div 25 Feb 44).

2nd Lt WILLIAM H. THOMAS	0799097	S/Sgt WILLARD W. MOOR,	39321838
2nd Lt HERBERT J. BRICE, Jr.,	0673030	S/Sgt DANIELS McGILL,	33394523
2nd Lt LOUIS BROWNSTEIN,	0727618	Sgt JOHN D. SMOOT,	13093791
S/Sgt CHARLES A. LEAVITT,	39256001	S/Sgt EDWARD A. VOLLMER,	13153268
T/Sgt CLIFFORD E. AKIN,	18125358		

2. F/O HOWARD L. KILMER, T-60141, AC, having been asgd this sta per competent auth is further asgd to the 349th Bomb Sq.

3. VOCG 24 Feb 44, "2nd Lt WARREN G. McCOY, 0693799, having been asgd this sta is further asgd to the 418th Bomb Sq," is hereby confirmed and made a matter of record (AR 35-4890).

4. The foll named O & EM are reld fr asgmt & dy to the 418th Bomb Sq andreasgd to the 351st Bomb Sq.

2nd Lt MYLIUS, CHARLES W. Jr.,	0804492	2nd Lt WARREN G. McCOY,	0693799
2nd Lt GALLIGAN, CHARLES J.	0809325	2nd Lt HIGH, NORMAN T.	0755044
S/Sgt RUSSELL, JAMES R.	14156620	Sgt McSPADDEN, CHARLES E.	38088079
Sgt BROWN, CARLETON E.	12034997	S/Sgt FERN, HERBERT D.	12155363
Pvt SULLIVAN, Edmond J.	31266926	S/Sgt WOOD, VINCENT J.	32690478

5. A Lv of absence for a period of seven (7) days is granted the foll O, orgn indicated, eff o/a 2 March 1944. (AR 605-115)

1st Lt JOHN R. CAVERLY,	01548026	350th Bomb Sq
Capt EDWARD L. JOHNSON,	0132184	351st Bomb Sq
1st Lt MARVIN BERNBERG,	01542702	28th Sta Compl Sq
1st Lt EDWIN A. WALDEN, Jr.,	0562278	Atchd 349th Bomb Sq

6. 2nd Lt JOHN J. RARING, 0797608, 349th Bomb Sq, is reld fr asgmt & dy thereat andreasgd to the 418th Bomb Sq.

7. Announcement is made of the promotion (Temporary) of the foll named EM, 350th Bomb Sq, effective this date. (AR 615-5)

Staff Sergeant to Technical Sergeant

Arthur J. Perry	33225455	Clarence P. Luquet	39199591
Alvin E. James	39558737	Edwin E. Postel	37493571
John L. Good	31002564	Ira L. Arnold	38338409

Sergeant to Staff Sergeant

Willard H. Miller	37660754	Leonard W. Yaeger	12208616
Lorenzo (NMI) Genovese	31187950	Nelson A. Pardee	12173949
Austin P. Curlee	38283741	John B. Bowers	15383254
Anderson R. Frank, Jr.,	38426782	Wiley A. Dobbs	32711226
George A. Benedict	16082463	Philip K. Troetchel	13131829
Delbert J. H. Bruns	37493009	Austin B. Roberts	19014269
Frank W. Buschmeier	38683437	Myron J. Ettus	12127423
Archie W. Bunting	18190381	Bernard L. Spragg	38301833
James S. Rinaldi	33350757		

Private First Class to Sergeant

Robert C. Barrie.	15170504	Edward (NMI) Walker, Jr.	19114608
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Private First Class to Corporal

Wilfred (NMI) Fontenot	38260553	Ira E. Ryman	38205199
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SO#55, Hq AAF Sta 139, dd 26 Feb 44 (Contd)

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8. 1st Lt CHARLES R. VAIL, Jr., 0860159, 28th Sta Compl Sq, is hereby aptd to add dy as Sta Defense O, vice, 1st Lt ALBERT (NMI) ALEX, 0489541, 28th Sta Compl Sq, reld.
9. 1st ALBERT (NMI) ALEX, 0489541, 28th Sta Compl Sq, is hereby aptd to add dy as Sta Utilities O, vice, 1st Lt CHARLES R. VAIL, Jr., 0860159, 28th Sta Compl Sq, reld.
10. Sgt HARRY A. FOSTER, 6896974, 28th Sta Compl Sq, is hereby red fr SD to Sta Defense andreasg SD to Sta Utilities.
11. The foll named O & EM, 456th Sub-Depot (Cl I), are placed on DS for app three (3) days, WPR via GHQ o/a 27 Feb 44 fr AAF Sta 139 to Sheffield, Eng. for the purpose of carrying out instructions of the CO. CTRS.

Captain RAYMOND J. MEAD, 0909366 Cpl BLAINE F. FAHR, 33249320,

O will be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses a/r not to exceed \$1 per day for qrs and \$1.25 for increased cost of subs. EM will be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses a/r not to exceed \$2 per day for qrs and \$2 per day for rats in accordance with Cir 85, Hq ETOUSA. TDN. 91-5 P 432-02 A 0425-24. (Auth Ltr Hq ETOUSA, 3 Nov 43).

12. Tech Sgt THEODORE B. MELDAHL, 37175801, 456th Sub-Depot (Cl I) is placed on DS for app two (2) days, WPR fr AAF Sta 139 to 7 Grosvenor Sq, London W1, RUAT, not later than 10.00 hrs 1 March 1944, for purpose of appearing before Avn Cadet Board. CTRS. EM will report to the Casual Center, CBS, 44 Cadogan Pl, where govt billets and messing facilities will be provided. TONT. TDN. FD 91-5 P 432-02 A 0425-24. (Auth Ltr Hq 8AF, Subj: Successful Avn Cadet Applicants, file 221, dd 21 Feb 44)(Ltr Hq ETOUSA, 3 Nov 43.)

By order of Colonel HARDING:

HORACE L. VARIAN, Jr.,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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Captain, Air Corps,
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27 February 1944

1. The foll named EM, orgn indicated, are placed on DS for app two (2) days WP via GMV o/a 28 Feb 44 fr AAF Sta 139 to London, England, for the purpose of carrying out the instructions of the CO. CTRS.

Sgt WILLIAM R. HENES, 32203516 Cpl CHARLES G. GLASCOCK, 34333838
(1141st Q.M.Co.) (351st Bomb Sq)

EM will report to the Casual Center, CPS, 44 Cadogan Place, where govt billets and messing facilities will be provided. TONT. TDN. FD 91-5 P 432-02 A 0425-24. (Auth Ltr Hq ETOUSA, 3 Nov 43)

2. So much of Par 7, SO#55, this Hq, cs, as reads: "Private First Class Edward (NM) Walker, Jr., 19114608," is amended to read: "Private Edward (NM) Walker, Jr., 19114608."

3. The foll named EM, 350th Bomb Sq, are aptd to the gr of Sergeant (Temp), eff this date. (AR 615-5)

Cpl Nicholas S. Dell'Aquila, 32574004 Cpl Abraham G. Fein, 32403617

4. UP Par 18c and d, AR 35-320, and Par 4g, AR 35-1110, the foll named O, 418th Bomb Sq, are detailed to verify the funds in the hands of 2nd Lt RAYMOND D. CAUFIELD, 01002179, AGD, Class B Agent Officer for Major E. Oatis, Postal Finance Officer.

1st Lt ROBERT W. BEREITER, 01550320 1st Lt ROBERT M. BURNS, 0564954

5. A Lv of absences for a period of seven (7) days is hereby granted Capt JOSEPH P. ARMANINI, 0731353, 349th Bomb Sq, eff o/a 28 Feb 44. (AR 605-155.)

6. UP AR 35-320, Par 3, the foll named O are detailed as Cl A Agent Fin O to 1st Lt JOE ISAACMAN, FD, ADO, AAF Sta 139, for payment of EM of their respective orgns of this sta, not in excess of \$30,00.00 for the regular P/R for the Mo of February 1944.

1st Lt John C. Van Aman	01236775	CWS	869th Cml Co
1st Lt Harold H. Krinke	01574921	QMC	1141st Q.M. Co.
Capt Alfred S. Chipley	0342724	OPD	1776th Ord Co.
1st Lt James B. Gallagher	0568239	AC	456th Sub-Depot
1st Lt Thomas E. Temple	01796884	CMP	127th M. P. Co.
1st Lt Claude L. Hosford, Jr.	0649654	AC	Hq Det, 100th Bomb Gp
Capt George D. Allen	0394310	AC	28th Sta Compl Sq
Capt Charles J. Ribar	0569918	AC	351st Bomb Sq
Capt George F. Erb	0568050	AC	349th Bomb Sq
Capt Robert H. Tienken	0562206	AC	350th Bomb Sq
Capt Thomas A. Toomey, Jr.	0562220	AC	418th Bomb Sq

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By order of Colonel HARDING;

HORACE L. VARIAN, Jr.,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCE STATION NO. 139
APO 634

Special Orders)
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28 Feb 44

1. 2nd Lt ROBERT C. LUNSFORD III, 0686569, 349th Bomb Sq, is placed on DS for app one (1) day, WP via Rail fr AAF Sta 139 to London, England o/a 28 Feb 44, for purpose of carrying out instructions of the CO. CTRS. O will contact Billeting O, CBS, 5 North Audley Street, who will provide Gov't Billets. Gov't messing facilities are available at Grosvenor House, Upper Grosvenor Street, and 44 Grosvenor Sq. TONT. TDN. FD 91-5 P 432-02 A 0425-24. (Auth: Ltr Hq ETOUSA 3 Nov 43.)

2. UP AR 35-320, Par 3, 2nd Lt RAYMOND D. CAUFIELD, 01002179, is detailed as Cl "A" Agent Fin O to 1st Lt JOE ISAACMAN, FD, ADO, AAF Sta 139, for payment of EM of 592nd Army Postal Unit, not in excess of \$1,500.00 for the regular P/R for the Mo of February 1944.

3. Par 11, SO 55, this Hq cs, so much as pertains to Cpl BLAINE F. FAHR, 33249320, as reads: "456th Sub-Depot (Cl 1)", is amended to read: "418th Bomb Sq".

4. S Sgt MARLIN Q. BRYAN, 34195140, 351st Bomb Sq, is trfd in gr to Det of Pnts, 231st Sta Hosp, rptng to CO thereof for dy. No travel involved. (PAC Adm Cir #37, Hq ETOUSA, SOS, 22 June 43.)

5. Sgt LEONARD D. MALCUIT, 36190593, 418th Bomb Sq, is promoted to gr of Staff Sergeant (Temp), eff this date. (Auth: AR 615-5.)

6. The foll named EM, 418th Bomb Sq, are promoted to gr indicated (Temp), eff this date: (AR 615-5.)

TO BE TECHNICAL SERGEANT

TO BE STAFF SERGEANT

S Sgt JAMES P.AITKEN	17059503	Sgt JOHN R. HORN	37099626
S Sgt RICHARD P. HOWELL	39191657		

7. The foll named O & EM, 350th Bomb Sq, WP on TD for app seven (7) days, exclusive of travel, o/a 29 Feb 44 fr AAF Sta 139 to Bournemouth for the purpose of COCG. CTRS.

1st Lt LOREN C. VAN STEENIS	0798702	2nd Lt JACK (NMI) OGG	0683569
2nd Lt HAROLD C. BECKER	0683569	2nd Lt LESTER D. TORBETT	0676892
T Sgt Harold N. Garic	38171583	T Sgt Archie K. Holladay	34382632
T Sgt Earl V. Benham	37309060	S Sgt Robert H. Goodman	12151842
S Sgt Walter A. Schneider	31186381	S Sgt Joseph V. Clouthier	31082928

Above-named O's will be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses while travelling at a rate not to exceed \$4 per day for qrs and \$1.25 per day for rats, with the exception of delays in the London Area, at which time O's will contact Billeting O, CBS, 5 North Audley Street, who will provide Gov't Billets. Gov't messing facilities are available at Grosvenor House, Upper Grosvenor Street, and 44 Grosvenor Square. While at temp dy sta O will be furnished an allowance not to exceed \$1.25 per day for subs. TONT. TDN. FD 91-5 P 432-02 A 0425-24.

Above-named EM will be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses while travelling at a rate not to exceed \$2 per day for qrs and \$2 per day for rats, with the exception of delays in the London Area, at which time EM will report to the Casual Center, CBS, 44 Cadogan Pl, where gov't billets and messing facilities will be provided. While at temp dy sta EM will be furnished an allowance not to exceed \$2 per day for subs. TONT. TDN. FD 91-5 P 432-02 A 0425-24.

(Auth: Ltr Hq 8AF 22 Nov 43, Subj: Auth for Mon Alws Rest Homes.)

By order of Colonel HARDING,

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5D BOMBARDMENT DIVISION

13th Combat Bombardment Wing (H)

100th Bombardment Group (H)

349TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)

February 1944

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JOURNAL OF THE 349th SQUADRON,
100th BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H),
for the month of FEBRUARY, 1944.

For this Squadron, as well as for the whole 8th Air Force, February, 1944, was a new record month for number and intensity of operations, marking the real beginning of the super-offensive against Germany from the air. Despite almost invariably foul weather, with visual bombing seldom possible, our planes went out on twelve completed missions, and dropped more than 400,000 pounds of high explosive and incendiary bombs on Germany and German Europe.

High point of this busy month was the mission to Regensburg, one of the prime targets of the Reich, with its concentration of fighter aircraft factories. On the first and only other attack on this objective, the historic shuttle mission on 17 August 1943, the 349th lost two planes and crews, while the others came through only by seeming miracles; on the second trip, 25 February, all our planes save one came home unscathed by enemy fighters, and only lightly peppered with flak. The one lost plane turned back enroute to the target because of engine trouble, and was forced to ditch in the English Channel; all the crew were rescued intact, except for one member slightly hurt in the ditching.

Aside from accelerated operations, our month was marked by an unusual number of combat men's completing their twenty-five-mission tours; there were fifteen who finished, some of them soon to be transferred either home or to other organizations in the ETO, others to remain with the Squadron or Group at least for a time, in ground duties.

Our losses in men and materiel for the month were severe, though not equaling our worst previous month. Besides the ditched plane, two others, with all their crews, were missing in action during February.

The daily journal:

Feb.1: Routine activities; no mission.

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3: Ten of our planes went to Wilhelmshaven, through very bad weather. The Pathfinder bombing equipment failed, but bombs were dropped on what was believed to have been the target city. No fighters were encountered, and only normal ground fire. All returned.

4: Frankfurt was the target today, and flak was extremely intense and accurate. One of our ^{nine} aircraft, commanded by

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Lt. J. W. Brown, failed to return; it took off late and never joined our formation, so nothing could be learned as to how or where it went down. On this trip, our crews were startled to encounter, soon after crossing the enemy coast at above 20,000 feet, a barrage balloon, unleashed and dangling its cable. Our formation was temporarily disrupted as pilots swerved to avoid the sky derelict.

5: With Paris as their primary target, nine of our planes were dispatched today. The vicinity of the French metropolis was obscured, however, and our formation sought, and found an open target of opportunity in an enemy airdrome at Villedoucley. As Lead Bombardier for the Group, Capt. Joseph P. Armanini of the 349th pinpointed this mark, and the bombing on his lead was very accurate and destructive. Considerable flak was met, but all returned intact.

6: Another German air base in France was hit by our planes today. Four of ours bombed a field at Evreux-Fauville, meeting no opposition save moderate flak, and suffering no loss.

7, 8, 9: No operational activities; routine ground duties.

10: Under extremely bad weather conditions--clouds, snow, sleet along and aloft all the way--five of our planes went on a mission to Brunswick, and one, piloted by Lt. Dale O. Croft, did not return, whether lost to weather or enemy action nobody could tell. Several of our ships which did get back to England were forced to land at other bases by the elements.

11, 12: Nothing worthy of record.

13: Eleven of our planes got a true "milk run" to one of the mystery targets near Calais; a minimum of flak, no fighters, no losses.

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20: In another blind hunt over cloud-swathed Northern Germany, six of our planes went out, and all returned, having fought off several fighter assaults. T/Sgt. Murry W. Holditch claimed one enemy downed. The primary target for this mission was Stettin, but the bombing, through clouds, was on military installations at Arnimswalde, Germany.

21: An airdrome near Osnabruck, Germany, was the target for today, in an uneventful mission including ten of our planes. This was another in the mounting instances^{of} ~~of~~ our fighter escort's power to protect our bombers from the Luftwaffe. All our planes came home intact, and the whole air force suffered but slight loss, despite the fact this blow was delivered in the heart of one of the great German interceptor belts. Five combat men of our Squadron made their twenty-fifth sorties today.

22: Nine of our ships set out this morning for Germany, but were recalled from over the North Sea because of impossible weather.

23: Routine activities.

24: This was the beginning of a two-day endurance grind for several of our air crews. Eight of our planes went out to Rostock, far up on the Baltic coast; one of them, the veteran "Squawkin Hawk", #088, turned back because of flak damage to an engine. The remainder bombed the target and got home ten and one half hours after taking off. They had experienced no trouble from enemy fighters, but had encountered lots of ground fire. Six of our airmen finished their tours today.

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The Second Battle of Regensburg--and what a contrast to our previous attack on that vital enemy center!

4. Journal of the 8th-- February

On the original attack, our planes were under furious, numerically great, and almost continuous onslaughts by Jerry's best fighters for some three hours--all the way across southern Germany. This second time, we had the boon of effective escort virtually all the way in and all the way out; the Luftwaffe came up, all right, but usually to be met by our great long-range Mustangs or Lightnings or Thunderbolts. Ships of the 349th were undamaged by fighters; flak, which was fairly intense at various points along the route and very severe over Regensburg, punctured our planes freely, but only "Squawkin Hawk" (082), flying its 45th mission, was seriously crippled. A direct burst practically blasted the tail off this veteran Fortress, and the pilot, Lt. John G. Gossage, took a poll of his crew (themselves mostly veterans) as to whether they should head for Switzerland or try to struggle home. The latter course was adopted; the boys with only one or two or three missions to fly before finishing chose to take the long chance of surviving to enjoy the rewards of completing their tours, rather than the more probable prospect of indefinite interment. By virtue of old "Squawkin Hawk's" inherent toughness, and Lt. Gossage's inspired flying, they did get home, to land at a field a few miles from our own, all personnel unhurt, and the grand old Fortress still sound enough to be repaired and get back in the war within a couple of weeks.

Lt. Col. John M. Bennett, Jr., commander of the 349th, led the Group on this Second Battle of Regensburg, and naturally our Squadron ~~battalions~~ flew in the lead position. Bombing results, on an aircraft factory, were very satisfactory.

Our plane which was forced to turn back by engine trouble,

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and eventually to ditch off Dover, was piloted by Lt. James R. Stout. The British Air-Sea Rescue service was on the scene with motor boats in less than half an hour, and salvaged our airmen undamaged, save for one officer--Lt. Polak--who suffered a painful minor injury in the ditching. Incidentally, the loss of this plane was not entirely without compensation, for, as it limped out of Germany, the bombardier dumped his load squarely in the middle of an anonymous German town.

26, 27: No missions; routine camp activities.

28: Five of our planes took off to hit the mystery targets near Calais; there was a heavy undercast at the objective, and no attempt was made to bomb it. Some flak was encountered, but all our ships came home untouched.

29: To close the month most satisfactorily, we sent six planes on a mission to Brunswick. All came back sound; bombing was thought to have been accurate, and fighter escort was pronounced flawless--the best yet.

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LIGHT AIR FORCE

3D BOMBARDMENT DIVISION

13th Combat Bombardment Wing (H)

100th Bombardment Group (H)

351ST BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)

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February 1944

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DIARY OF 351ST BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON, 100 BOMB GROUP,
FOR MONTH OF FEBRUARY 1944.

The mighty aerial onslaught to pulverize prime Axis military targets in preparation for opening the Second Front reached new heights during February 1944 when combat airmen of the 351st Bombardment Squadron contributed their share of the hazardous tasks by making 108 sorties and dropping the greatest tonnage of high explosive and incendiary bombs ever destined for enemy objectives during any preceding month, a record of the month's activities discloses. The increase in aerial operations far overshadowed all other events in February affecting the squadron.

Besides participating in bigger and more concentrated raids, the squadron was fortunate in achieving the feat of all combat personnel and planes returning safely from a record-smashing ordeal of 13 missions. This encouraging news from the aerial front line raised hopes of many that a speedier end of hostilities in the European Theater of Operations could be expected. The month's amazing operational record easily surpassed that for January when only seven recognized missions were made. The absence of casualties was an outstanding feature of February's activities, a marked improvement over January.

The frequency of raids hastened the completion of combat duty for seven officers and two enlisted men. This group was transferred to the 12 RCD, where most everyone is believed to have received orders for returning to the states on a 30-day furlough before reporting for a new assignment.

A tragedy was recorded for February claiming the life of S/Sgt. Ralph Buchanan, a bombsight maintenance man. Buchanan, whose home was in Green Castle, Pa., died February 4 in a London hospital as a result of injuries sustained in accidentally falling from the second floor of a London building two days previously. The victim, who had been a member of the squadron since nearly the beginning, was buried in Brookwood cemetery near London.

Other events ranking fairly high in the way of interest included the presentation of the Distinguished Flying Cross to T/Sgt. Raymond Harjo, receipt of a direct second lieutenancy commission by S/Sgt. Donald O. Ellis, and the good record made at times by the basketball team and boxers.

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Harjo received the DFC citation February 16 for displaying exceptional courage by remaining at his post as aerial engineer after being seriously wounded in the face by enemy fire while on an operational mission.

The unexpected happened to S/Sgt. Donald O. Ellis, tail gunner who finished his 25 missions in December, when he received a favorable response from his application for a direct commission as a second lieutenant. The president's order arriving the early part of the month was unexpected in view of the fact that direct commissions to men already in uniform are considered rare. Ellis, in order to be eligible for a commission, received an honorable discharge from the army on February 7 and immediately was commissioned a second lieutenant. Lieutenant Ellis is now a gunnery officer at a nearby bomber base in the ETO.

The squadron fared moderately well in athletics during the month by competing with other units on the local base in basketball and boxing. The cagers, managed by Cpl. Harvey Woods, a former star athlete in Virginia prep circles, won second-place honors in league competition for the regular season. Their record in the base tournament was not too impressive because of losing to both the 350th Bomb Squadron and to the Group Headquarters detachment. During the regular season, the 351st quintet annexed encounters from the 418th squadron, 28th Station Compliment squadron, 1776 Ordnance company, 1276 Military Police company and the Group Headquarters team.

The high cage scorers for the squadron were S/Sgt. James Schollard and Sgt. Rudolph Zulkiewicz, both playing guard positions. Other first team members were Cpl. Harvey Woods and S/Sgt. John Bergstrom, forwards, and Ffc. Howard Swank, center. Substitutes included Sgt. Donald Conklin, Cpl. Salvatore Sogga and Pfc. Arthur W. Gretenhart, John Atkinson and Ernest Jiminez.

In boxing, four members of the squadron participated in bouts staged by the base emerging with three wins and three defeats. Sgt. Paul Deane maintained a spotless record by triumphing on two occasions. Cpl. James J. Dineen tasted both victory and adversity in his two ring appearances. Deane, a 135-pounder, scored a quick win in his debut match by gaining an 18-second knockout. His second victory was a three-round decision. The remaining two fistic setbacks were chalked against M/Sgt. Robert Boyle in the 180-pound class, and Cpl. Harvey Woods, entered in the 170-weight category.

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Other events for the month worthy of mention were of a routine nature such as promotions, new arrivals and transfers.

Heading the list of boosts in officers' ranks was the elevation of our squadron commander, Major Ollen Turner, to the grade of lieutenant colonel. This promotion became effective February 28. Three other combat officers, all first lieutenants, John T. Griffin, John Love and Howard E. Keel, were hiked to captaincy during the month. Officers advanced to first lieutenants included Henry Quilici, Andrew H. Campion, Reuben C. Kelsey, Thomas R. Kizak, Robert K. Edgely, Edward Handorf, Jack S. Neal, Eugene Mulholland and Earl R. Williams.

Sixteen enlisted men received promotions during February. Those boosted in grade are as follows: M/Sgt--Trafford Curry; T/Sgt--Henry C. Verdeur and Charles H. Ford; S/Sgt--Alfred M. Hunt, Steven M. Szekely, William L. Reneau, Joe S. Folsom, Daniel J. Maddrea, James M. Roberts, Robert M. Myers, Allen D. Horton, John L. Willsey, John J. Gverovich and Fair C. Lawrence; and Sgt--James M. Chase and Michael Schuster.

The squadron received seven new officers most of whom were assigned as replacements. Among this group were five combat officers. They included 2nd Lts. Albert A. Marchiando, Charles W. Mylius, Jr., Charles J. Galligan, Warren G. McCoy and Norman T. High. The ground newcomers were 1st Lts. Jack Bauman and Francis G. King, both assigned to the S-2 department.

New arrivals among enlisted personnel were seven airmen and eight members for the ground echelon. The combat men included T/Sgt. Dorsett C. Bennett, S/Sgts. James R. Russell, Herbert D. Fern and Vincent J. Wood, Sgts. Carleton E. Brown and Charles E. McSpadden and Pvt. Edmond J. Sullivan. The other arrivals were Cpl. James G. Fitzgerald and John W. Laudenslager, Pfc's. Billy M. Kimmel, Frank J. Alberti, Louis G. Lasker, William Williamson, Elton L. Keller, and Pvt. Chester R. Lee.

Transfers of officers from the squadron which numbered 13 included nine combat officers who had finished their tour of operations. Among the combat personnel seven were sent to the 12 RCD where most are believed to have been returned to the states for a 30-day leave. Those who went to the 12 RCD were 1st Lts. Donald Davis, Henry Quilici, Leonard A. Wickens, Jack S. Neal, Edward L. Dunlap, Reuben Kelsey and Alexander Park. Two other combat officers--1st Lts. Paul Pascal and Eugene

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Mulholland were transferred to other organizations stationed in the ETO. Two other airmen--Capt. Magee Fuller and 2nd Lt. Albert A. Marchiando were assigned to the 350th Bombardment Squadron on the local operational base. Captain Fuller before the time of his departure served as squadron operations officer. The others leaving the squadron for new assignments were 1st Lts. John Schwarz and Adam Bachmann, both of whom were members of the ground echelon. Lieutenant Schwarz was transferred to 100 Bomb Group Headquarters, while Lieutenant Bachmann received his new assignment at 3rd Bomb Division Headquarters.

Two enlisted men who had finished their tour of combat missions were transferred to the 12 RCD during February for likely shipment to the states for a 30-day furlough. They included T/Sgt. Walter Probst and T/Sgt. Winfred L. Tee. Other men leaving the squadron included M/Sgt. Trafford Curry, Cpl. Richard W. Page, Pfc. Joseph W. Heitzer and Pvt. Angelo J. Genovese.

In the diary for January, promotions for five combat officers were inadvertently omitted. Advancements were 1st Lt. Robert Hughes to captaincy, and 2nd Lts. Robert J. Shoens, Donald S. Davis, John F. Massol and Alexander G. Park to first lieutenancy.

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